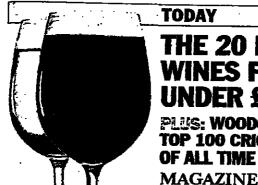


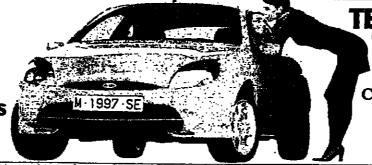
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Disgraced ex-minister to pay £2m costs after abandoning libel case

Aitken could face trial for perjury

JONATHAN AITKEN, the disgraced former Cabinet Minister, last night faced the threat of imprisonment for perjury and perverting the course of justice after dramatically abandoning his libel trial when he was caught lying. The former Chief Secretary

to the Treasury will have to pay more than £2 million in costs after being forced to drop his High Court action against The Guardian and Granada Television. Last night the newspaper confirmed that it had written two letters, one to Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, and the other to Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, demanding an investigation and the start of criminal proceedings against

ed the humiliation of attending the debacle on the be asked to consider charges at the High Court, which ended in less than a minute. His counsel conceded defeat in just 20 words. Mr Aitken, 54, was last night in hiding.

His sudden capitulation effectively brands him a proven liar to the Prime Minister and the House of Commons and a "parasite" on Saudi businessmen and failed to clear his name of procuring prostitutes for them on two occasions.

Influential Conservatives. who for three years had backed Mr Aitken's protestations of innocence, said last night that he must leave public life forever and resign as a Privy Councillor.

Nothing has been seen of his wife, Lolicia, since the former MP announced their separation hours before he gave up his vain legal attempt

to clear his name. Outside Court Number Ten yesterday Peter Preston, the former Guardian editor who

Fat.



masterminded the investigation into Mr Aitken's corrupt activities, condemned him as

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Alan Rusbridger, the current editor, said The Guardian had been advised by the Director of Public Prosecutions to write to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner asking for Mr Aitken to be A dejected Mr Aitken avoid- arrested for perjury. He said the DPP would also

> of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice against Mrs Aitken, his 17-year-old daughter Victoria, his mother-in-law and Said Ayas, his Saudi business associate.

It was only damning evi-dence handed to the defence team on Wednesday that spared his wife and daughter from giving evidence that they were in Paris with Mr Aitken during his infamous "Ritz weekend" in September 1993, which is at the centre of allegations against him.

Mr Preston said: "Mr Aitken was lying about the Ritz from the start and the lies unravelled and unravelled and are lying on the floor.
"If there is one thing that sticks in my gullet, it's that anyone would use a schoolchild to back up a story like this. It's disgraceful by any

Mr Rusbridger said: "We always wondered how low he would stoop. That was the

moment we knew. Jonathan Aitken seems to have impaled himself on the simple sword of truth. For three years he has lied to newspapers, lied to the Cabinet Secretary, lied to the Prime Minister and lied to his colleagues. Now he has made his fatal mistake by lying on oath to the High Court." It was an investigation by

British Airways security staff. who were subpoenaed by the defence, which finally nailed the lie that Mr Aitken had enjoyed a family weekend in Paris en route to Switzerland where Victoria was to be introduced to fellow pupils at her new school.

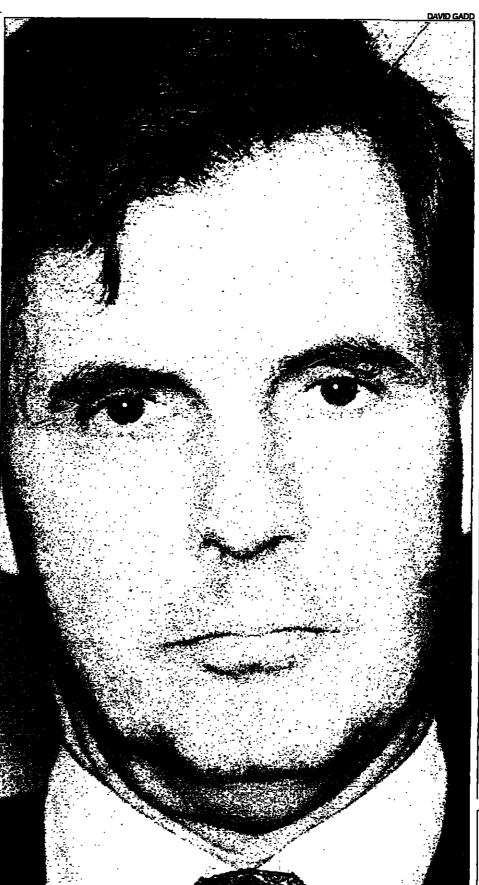
In court he was accused of spending that weekend in secret meetings with close Arab business associates while he was Defence Procurement Minister.

During his eight days of testimony in the witness box the suave Mr Aitken, who lost his South Thanet seat in Kent at the last election, gave an elaborate account of how his wife had paid the hotel bill in

In fact the Fr8,010 (£861) bill for his two-day stay in Room 526 was settled by Manoan Vidal, secretary to the treasurer to Prince Muhammad bin Fahd, eldest son of the Saudi

Investigating the Aitkens's travel arrangements Wendy Harris, a BA security expert. discovered through microfilm records proof that Lolicia Aitken and her daughter were never in Paris but had instead flown directly to Geneva on September 17, 1993. The detailed evidence showed their passport numbers, their baggage weight and where the tickets had been bought.

Mrs Aitken flew home three days later, leaving her daughter at school. Faced with such Continued on page 2, col 1



Aitken: in hiding after avoiding the humiliation of final day in High Court

1936 trophy going to William Jones, 43, an electrical contrac-

"I wanted to get all three and I left a bid of £30,000 on

each of them. I am pleased I have got one," Mr Jones said.

The battered racket which

helped Perry to his first Wim-

bledon championship in 1934

set a world record of its own

when it fetched £23,000.

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Yeltsin wants to join the club

Boris Yeltsin has demanded permanent, full membership of the club of the world's most powerful industrial nations.

As the Summit of the Eight opened in Denver the Russian President, invited for the first time to play a part in the annual pow-wow, pressed his counterparts to give him equal standing this weekend despite Russia's decaying economy...... Pages 14, 15



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Fred Perry memorabilia net £300,000 but Wimbledon stays out of play £25,300. They were all bought by British collectors, with the Bobby Perry, for £250,000, but

By Emma Wilkins

A COLLECTION of tennis rackets, trophies and trinkets owned by Fred Perry, the British Wimbledon champion, broke world records yesterday when it fetched £300,000 at

While collectors from Britain, America and Japan fought to outbid each other for the 75 lots, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, which runs Wimbledon. remained resolutely unimpressed. The club's representative, who left the auction at Christie's in London before it finished, purchased a single item - Perry's dented silver cigarette case. It went for just

The case, which was pre-sented to Perry in 1954 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his first Wimbledon victory. dates from an age when champion sportsmen took a more relaxed attitude to health and fitness than their modern day counterparts. Perry, like many of his contemporaries,

enjoyed a smoke -- followed by a couple of sets on the centre court. Another of Perry's cigarette cases fetched £4,466 — well above its estimate of £700.

The All England Club, which housed the memorabil-ia at the Wimbledon Museum until Perry's death two years ago, was offered the collection by his fourth wife and widow,





negotiations broke down earli-

er this year. Penny Perry, the

late champion's daughter,

said after the sale: "My moth-

er and I are thrilled to bits at

the result. It exceeded all our

expectations."
Perry's three silver

Renshaw Cups presented after his Wimbledon victories

fetched £36,000, £35,600 and

The wooden racket, which has broken strings and a worn handle, was expected to make £1,000. There were gasps of astonishment from a crowd of 150 at the auction when the Slazenger racket was eventually sold to an anonymous telephone bidder for 20 times its reserve.

Even Rupert Neelands, the auctioneer, appeared to be surprised. "I am bid £20,000 for this racket!" he exclaimed his gaze switching from side to side of the room like a Wimbledon umpire.

Simon Barnes, page 20 | cocaine deal.....

ship contest by appointing him Shadow Secretary for Trade and Industry. Jobs were given to all those

But the two top Cabinet jobs go, as expected, to Peter Lilley and Michael Howard, the rightwingers who refused to rally behind John Redwood after the first ballot. Mr Lilley becomes Shadow Chancellor, a job he has long coveted, and Mr Howard, Shadow Foreign

immediately Labour claimed that Mr Hague was "a prisoner of the Right," with the top economic jobs taken by arch Eurosceptics, Mr Lilley and Mr Redwood, Sources close to Mr Hague tried to play down the leading roles for the Right. But Lord Parkinson's appointment as party chairman was seen by many as evidence that Baroness Thatcher's legacy would endure.

Lord Parkinson, 65 and a close friend of Lady Thatcher, has been given a two-year Shadow Cabinet post to

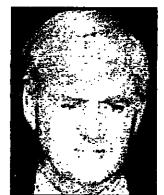
Right's grip tightens as Redwood gets **Shadow post**

By JILL SHERMAN AND ANDREW PIERCE

WILLIAM HAGUE last night gave John Redwood an important job in his Shadow Cabinet as he astonished the political world by bringing back Lord Parkinson as party chairman.

The new Tory leader drew a veil over Mr Ředwood's deal with Kenneth Clarke in the final ballot of the Tory leader-

leadership contenders who wanted them - Kenneth Clarke had declined - with top posts going to rightwingers. Stephen Dorrell was appointed Shadow Education and Employment Secretary -the only job so far given to the centre left.



"Thirty-six is a very attractive age. Politics is full of elder statesman such as Lord Parkinson, the Chairman of the Conservative Party (above), who have, by their own free choice and cosmetic grooming, remained 36 for years." Leading article, page 21

reorganise the party. The for-

mer minister and party chairman, who had to resign from government in 1983 over his affair with Sara Keays, will have a key role behind the scenes, the traditional role of media intermediary being downplayed. He will steer through reforms to make local parties more accountable by giving Central Office a greater role in choosing candidates. Mr Hague announces the

rest of his Shadow Cabinet today while visiting Scotland so fulfilling a promise he made during his campaign. Fresh start, page 4

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The bronze statue of Fred Perry, sold for £6,500

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Australia's hopes

Australia's hopes of throttling

the England first innings in the second Test at Lord's were

England were struggling

on 38 for three when rain

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utes. The umpires abandoned

play 75 minutes before its

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Kray jailed

Charlie Kray, the 70-year-old

elder brother of the twins

Reggie and Ronnie, faces

spending the rest of his life in prison after being convicted at Woolwich Crown Court of

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shot down Aitken's claims in court

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE smoking gun that proved Jonathan Aitken lied Paris with his wife and 17year-old daughter was discovered by Wendy Harris, of British Airways' security and investigation service.

In a damning witness statement, signed on Wednesday after she had been subpoenaed by counsel for The Guardian and Granada Television, Ms Harris proved that Lolicia Aitken and her daughter, Victoria, were never in and 20, 1993.

Mother and daughter were proved to have flown directly from Heathrow to Geneva to settle Victoria into a new school in Switzerland, without stopping en route, as Mr Aitken claimed. This meant that Mrs Aitken could not have paid the bill at the Ritz as her husband

Ms Harris, who would have been called as a witness if Mr Aitken had not thrown in the towel, discovered flight coupons on BA's microfilm records proving that Mrs Aitken and her daughter flew from Heathrow to Geneva on flight 724 at 08.30 on September 17. Mrs Aitken returned alone from Geneva to Heath-row on flight 731 at 19.05 on September 20.

In her statement, Ms Harris said: "It would not have been they did travel on that flight." She said it would only have THE EVIDENCE

to claim they did not travel "if two other ladies by the name of Mrs L. Aitken and Miss V. Aitken travelled on these flights".

Peter Preston, former Editor of The Guardian, said after the case that other evidence obtained on Wednesday demonstrated that, two hours after Mrs Aitken was said by her husband to have paid his Ritz bill in cash, she was handing back her hire car in Geneva. which had been paid for by a credit card he claimed she

Fifteen days ago in court Mr Aitken was said to have had his reputation "butchered" by the allegations that he had supplied prostitutes to Arab businessmen on whom he depended for his fortune. Those claims have been effectively accepted in court in the

The former MP was accused of the "gravest charges of flagrant misconduct as a minister" by concealing that he was in their pockets. But midway through the hearing withdrew their defence of other allegations surrounding his role as a director of the defence company BMARC after a ruling by Mr Justice Popplewell, This cleared him of condoning the sale of naval cannon to Iran, in breach of an export ban, and selling weapons to both sides in the Iran-Iraq war, against government



CRITICS tempted to believe that George Carman's crown was slipping saw him con-firmed as the king of libel lawyers (Richard Duce writes). He has a reputation as the man who produces evidence in mid-trial which

swings the case. The son of a Blackpool furniture shop owner, he considered the priesthood but

decided to read law at Oxford after realising that he liked women too much. He emerged into the limelight in 1979 with his successful defence of Jeremy Thorpe. Sir David Napley, the solicitor who first brought him to London, said: "It would not be right to call him an eloquent speaker, but he wins because of his sheer hard work."



mmed bin Fahd, eldest son of the Saudi king, and business associate of Aitken after they met at lunch in Paris in 1973; ultimately said to have paid Mr Aitken's Ritz bill while he was



☐ THE FIXER: Said Ayas, the prince's principal aide who introduced Aitken to him; godiather to Aitken's daughter Victoria; said to have attended Ritz meeting. Guardian claims he was a conspirator in plot to pervert the course of justice



A weekend stay at the Ritz in Paris precipitated the Mr Aitken's downfall



NESSMAN: Wafic Said, the Syrianand long-time ssociate of Aitken who has rejected allegations that he attended a meeting with the former MP at the Ritz in Paris. £20 million benefactor of Oxford University



Fayed, chairman of Harrods and Ritz hotel in Paris, was dubbed a liar and a cheat by the DTI: original informant of The Guardian who triggered their campaign to ex-

Aitken disgrace

evidence Mr Aitken, after lengthy consultations with his legal team throughout much of Wednesday, decided to surrender and disappeared from his Westminster home on

Thursday morning. On the eve of his capitulation he dictated to his secretary. Lynn Fox, a brief statement announcing that for personal reasons he and his wife of 18 years were

separating. Last night Lady Aitken, his mother, said she was both saddened and suprised" by his sudden decision to abandon the libel action.

A close friend of Mr Aitken, John Mappin, said last night "He is a very resilient man, so don't write him off yet. He may still have a career in politics. There will be many who will take pleasure in his

Mr Aitken had claimed that his personal political and professional reputation had been "butchered" by the newspaper articles and Granada's World in Action programme was broadcast in April 1995.

He resigned from the Cabinet three months later to pursue his libel action, with the blessing of John Major.

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THE FIRST 50 DAYS:

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At the height of the debate about sleaze allegations against promiment figures in the previous Tory Government, the documentary accused him of being in the pocket of Saudi businessmen and involvement in illegal arms deals.

His counsel Mr Charles Gray QC. told the judge. Mr Justice Popplewell simply: "I'm instructed by my client to ask for the action to be discontinued on the terms agreed relating to costs." The judge, sitting without a jury. nodded his consent as did Mr George Carman, QC, for the defendants.

Mr Aitken agreed to pay \$1 per cent of the defence costs. estimated at over £800,000, His own bill is thought to be over £1.2 million which close associates say the wealthy businessman is able to afford. A spokesman for William Hague, the new Conservative

leader, said: "He will be Aitken is not a Tory MP.

Dear Jonathan ... the letters Tory reputations nuntar that spelt trouble for minister

THE CORRESPONDENCE

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE seeds of the Aitken case were sown in a marathon correspondence between the former Cabinet minister and Peter Preston, then Editor of The Guardian. Twenty letters running to almost 60 pages were exchanged between the newspaper's offices and Treasury Chambers from October 1993 to November 1994.

The newspaperman dog-gedly but politely pursued his quarry, asking about the infamous weekend in Paris. On February 4, 1994. Mr Aitken quoted lago from Othello: "Trifles light as air / Are to jealous confirmation strong / As proof of holy writ." The minister said: Substitute The Guardian for the jealous and the lines seem to be rather a good explanation for your side of this obsessional correspondence."

On October 22, 1993, Mr Preston had said that "by chance" a source at the Ritz had spotted Mr Aitken there with Said Ayas and Wafic Said. He queried whether this was "a giant coincidence or an informal rendezvous*.

Mr Aitken replied that there was no meeting which could violate the rules of ministerial conduct, that he saw Mr Ayas in Paris as a family friend and that he had "no idea" that two others including Mr Said were at the Ritz, On January II, 1994, Mr. Preston applovised for asking whether Mr Ayas had paid the bill. Mr Aitken replied that his wife had paid and that there had been "no act of extraordinary generosity" by

Mr Avas. By January 19, Mr Preston was making it plain that he knew the FIS.010 hill for room 526 was paid by Mr Ayas in



Preston: his pursuit was dogged, but polite

rooms 626/7. The minister claimed to have shown "the patience of Job" in dealing with Mr Preston's "obsession and scepticism". He said that the hotel had made a mistake in typing Mr Ayas's name on his account, but that was because his room had been booked by Mr Ayas.

Next. Mr Aitken said he had found the receipt of the payment by his wife. Mr Preston wrote back on January 27 asking to see a copy. and also requested inquiries from John Major and the Cabinet Secretary. Sir Robin Butler. Extra letters were sent by Mr Preston to Sir Robin and the Prime Minister.

On February 18, Sir Robin wrote to Mr Preston saying he was happy with Mr Aitken's version of events. Mr Major's principal private secretary. Alex Allen, wrote on March 29 that the Prime Minister also accepted that version.

After further persistence from Mr Preston, Sir Robin wrote on October 27: "We sucked this orange dry in our correspondence, I am satisfied Mr Aitken and his wife paid their bill at the Ritz."

Mr Aitken, addressing the newspaperman for the first time as Dear Mr Preston, instead of Dear Peter, wrote: 'I have no intention of corresponding or speaking with you

at risk of ruin

By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JONATHAN AITKEN is the most prominent Tory scalp since Mohamed Al Fayed launched his guerrilla campaign against the Tory leadership over his battle for British citizenship. Four ministers have fallen after allegations made in The Guardian, and more reputations could be

Sir Gordon Downey's longawaited report into the cashfor-questions affair is expected to be published soon, with verdicts on ten Tory MPs who lost their seats or stood down at the election. They include, Tim Smith, who resigned as a minister after admitting taking more than £18,000 from

ruined next month.

Mr Al Fayed. Neil Hamilton, the most notorious of the ten MPs. resigned as a minister after admitting taking an undeclared free holiday at the Ritz in Paris He was subsequently shown to have had a second DOWNEY REPORT

free stay. He denied Mr Al Fayed's charge that he took bribes, but the bad publicity took its toll and he lost his seat to Martin Bell.

Michael Brown, also a former minister, was revealed to have taken an undeclared £5,000 from Ian Greer, the lobbyist who once worked for Mr Al Fayed. All three could be recalled before the Standards and Privileges Committee for a televised crossexamination.

Other Tories awaiting the outcome of the report are Sir Peter Hordern. Sir Andrew Bowden, Sir Michael Grylls. Gerald Malone, Lady Olga Maitland, Norman Lamont and Nirj Deva. They all deny

any wrongdoing.

John Major was given a warning in September 1994 that Mr Al Fayed had a dossier on Tory MPs. Three years on, his allegations are still damaging the party.

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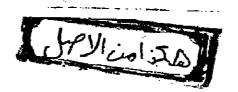
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The student: Aitken, aged 18, at Eton

The wedding: with Lolicia Azucki in 1979

The ex: Aitken "dumped" Carol Thatcher



Shattering fall of an arrogant high-flyer

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

ONCE among the brightest stars in the Tory firmament. Jonathan Aitken now knows the price of his own arrogance and greed: a possible jail term for perjury,

He wakes this morning, if indeed he slept at all, to the knowledge that his political career and reputation are in tatters. His marriage is over and the family has been

This surely marks the end of a rollercoaster 25-year career which could have come straight from the pages of a Jeffrey Archer novel. The hero, a rakish, handsome, multimillionaire, faces the ultimate

fall from grace: a possible prison sentence for lying. But even Archer would not have dared to write such a dramatic and farfetched final chapter; public humiliation on the day after the helm of the Tory Party, which was

once within his grasp, was seized by a leader from a new generation who is determined to stamp out

When he resigned as Chief Secretary to the Treasury in July 1995, vowing to take up "the simple of sword of truth . . . to cut out the cancer of bent and twisted journalism", Mr Aitken was the acceptable face of Euro-scepticism.

His stance, which involved the sacrifice of his Cabinet career which Margaret Thatcher had denied him for 20 years, earned him the admiration of even his bitterest enemies. Having cleared his name, MPs assumed he would return to Tory prominence. But his famous oratory" returned to haunt him. He was skewered on his own sword of truth.

kecent events have shattered me and broken our family," was his assessment, in a short statement, of the situation he had created by his catastrophically misjudged decision to sue for libel.

The fact he was destroyed by the pack of lies he told the Cabinet Secretary, the Prime Minister and a High Court judge about the payment of a

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adds an extraordinary dimension to the remarkable plot. It was his long-lasting busi-ness affair with the Arab world which set in train the events which led to his destruction. The source of the power, controversy and riches of Jonathan Aitken began with a lunch in Paris in 1973.

Mr Aitken went right to the top. He met Prince Moham-med bin Fahd, eldest son of the Saudi king, through his friend Said Ayas, the prince's principal aide. Ayas, whose mother had introduced Mr Aitken to Lolicia, is godfather to the couple's daughter, Victoria. Prominent among his

new friends was the Syrian busi-**6** Recent nessman Wafic Said. Mr Aitken events have was to become an unofficial shattered Middle East ambassador to the me and British establishment. Howbroken our ever, it was only a matter of time family 9 before Mr Aitken, who liked to

live dangerously, pushed his luck too far. His downfall came, in common with at least one other former Tory MP, at a weekend stay at Mohamed Al Fayed's Paris Ritz hotel. It was September

Mr Aitken was Minister for Defence Procurement and tipped for the Cabinet. But he had made a fatal error in his choice of venue for the clandestine meeting with his Arab

Mr Al Fayed was already preparing to unleash one of the biggest political scandals of the post-war years on John Major's Government, Mr Aitken had become ensnared in Mr Al Fayed's growing web of Avas: whom The Guardian

always maintained had paid the bill, and Wafic Said, a close associate of Mark Thatcher, were also present, according to Mr Al Fayed. The Guardian's whistleblower. Mr Said denies his attendance. The bill, it ultimately transpired, was paid by Prince Mohammed, through Manon Vidal, the secretary to his

Mr Aitken had become MP for Thanet South one year after his fateful Paris lunch.



Secrets charges — and was high-table Saudi Arabian asacquitted - for publishing in sociates invested heavily in The Sunday Telegraph a rethree of Mr Aitken's projects: port about Britain supplying about £2 million in the Aitken arms to Nigeria during the Hume bank, the financial Biafra war. It scuppered his services group in 1981. chances of fighting the safe Tory seat of Thirsk and

But the world of business beckoned. Having established his Arab links he became managing director of the investment company Slater Walker (Middle East) Ltd. He was head of its Middle East where the allegations made in perations

Mr Aitken escaped unscathed from the collapse of Slater Walker, advanced his own business and made his name with the backing of Arab money. His financial career

Malton in 1970. -

blossomed. With Ayas he joined the board of Al Bilad (UK), the British investment arm of the Saudi royal family.

court of "pimping" for Arabs

The following year he secured a secret investment of £3.3 million in TV-am. It ended in his resignation when the

Arab source of the donation was discovered. About £1 million was ploughed into the Inglewood health hydro near Newbury

Mr Aitken's business inter-

ests were complex, but World in Action revealed he was also on the board of a Lebaneseowned arms company Future Management Services; Aitken Hume acted as its bankers. By this time Mr Aitken was

on the defensive over allegations about the extent of his knowledge of illegal arms sales by BMARC. He was on the company board. He denied any knowledge having joined the board near the end of the time when they were taking place.

The net was closing on Mr Aitken, whose business deals had helped to establish him as one of the wealthiest men in Westminster

It was all a far cry from the days when the young Oxford law undergraduate came to the conclusion that he could not afford to become a barrister.

At Oxford he was a wild child in a pinstripe suit com-

6 You're a very bright boy with a very bright future — I am not going to leave you a cent **9**

bining dinners at Chequers with articles about the delights of women and smoking pot. They left little doubt that he had extensive experience of

But in those days an automatic career in Tory politics beckoned. Inevitably, there was a friend of the family to foster his political ambitions. John Selwyn-Lloyd, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, employed him as a speechwriter at the age of 22

One year after he became an MP. Margaret Tharcher, his intellectual soul mate, became Tory leader. But advancement was denied him until 1992 under John Major. Lady Thatcher never forgave him for the way he "dumped" her daughter, making him forever in the Prime Minister's eyes the man who made Caro

She had another great reservation: that he would be trouble with a capital T. In 1979 he married Lolicia

Olivera Azucki, a Serb by origin living in Switzerland, who was to bear him twin daughters Alexandra and Victoria, and a son William. It was to become a deeply unhappy marriage.

With the style of Michael Heseltine, and the Eurosceptic views of Michael Portillo, he could have been a candidate for 10 Downing Street, but was one of the few Tory MPs to publicly predict his own undoing at the election. His 11,500 majority was wiped out.

His choice of friends and heroes says much about him. Among the closest is Alan Clark, the former minister, who argued that selling arms was good for Britain and not to ask too many questions about their destination.

His hero was Richard Nixon. In his 600-page biography Mr Aitken argued that Nixon should never have been hounded from office by a vindictive press. Mr Aitken. by suing for libel, was determined not to suffer the same



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the Old Bailey under Official Stage-managed show of unity hid marriage of convenience

He was 31: A scion of the

Beaverbrook dynasty, politics had always been in his blood.

He was inspired by his great-

uncle, the press baron Lord Beaverbrook, who told him:

Your father is a good man,

Mr Aitken had to work for

his money. He sought out Beaverbrook at Oxford only to

be told: "You're a very bright

boy with a very bright future. I

am going to pay you the greatest compliment — I am

However, the family name

helped him to earn his own

living. His first job was as a

foreign correspondent with

the family-owned Evening

Standard. Mr Aitken's cava-

lier style ensured that, as with

his political career, he made

enemies and waves in equal

proportion during his spell in

journalism.He appeared at

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BY DANIEL McGrory AND RICHARD DUCE

THE Aitkens were careful always to link arms as they walked the last few yards to the High Court each morning. Until yesterday Lolicia Aitken prided herself on the faultless performance she gave as the loyal Tory wife who, without complaint, coped with her husband's personal and political crises In Court 10 she would edge

ever closer to her immaculately dressed husband on the bench, rub his hands and, at appropriate moments, gaze with studied admiration into At the start of each day's

proceedings Lolicia could be observed massaging aromatic oils into Jonathan's temples and brow and then proffering encouragement in her stage His mother, Lady Aitken,

would greet this ritual with disdain, waiting away the odour of the oils with her copy of Country Life. She had long recognised the marriage was a charade. Mr Aitken was insistent

that the libel trial was to blame for the split, saying: "it shattered me and has broken our family." Lady Aitken said: "I think this would have happened anyway." His mother conceded their show of unity as they arrived

at court each day was carefully stage-managed: "That was just for the photocall. Things were going wrong before the case." Lady Aitken hinted that the couple were leading in-creasingly separate lives. "It is the way people are these days, they come and they go."

Those closest to the couple



Fortunes linked: the Aitkens united en route to court

agree theirs had long been a marriage of mutual convenience. One said: "For years they had led virtually separate lives but both enjoyed the social benefits of maintaining the marriage and, indeed, keeping up appearances for the children — in particular their son William."

Just before the collapse of his trial, facing public and financial ruination, Mr Aitken realised the futility of maintaining the pretence. He dictated a terse statement to his loyal secretary Lynn Fox and instructed her to release it late in the evening, blaming the ordeal in the High Court. Last night many in the

Aitkens' social circle who had previously believed his protestations of innocence were questioning whether the timing of his marital separation was a final cynical attempt to use Lolicia to engender public sympathy for himself. The suspicion exists that Lolicia could not bring herself to tell another lie for her husband this time, under oath.

She was spared that indignity when defence investigators discovered hard evidence that Lolicia was in Geneva with her 17-year-old daughter. Victoria, when Mr Aitken claims she was paying his hotel bill in Paris.

She always realised there

was a hidden price to pay for being Mrs Jonathan Aitken. Lolicia Olivera Azucki, the daughter of a wealthy Yugothe life of the millionaire wife of the suave Tory MP and was one of London's most noted hostesses at their home Lord North Street,

She scorned the idea of exerting any political influence saying Everyone knows I'm a really thick political wife. It's a big joke I don't understand politics." In fact, she understood only too well the need for her continued fidelity if her husband was to ascend to the higher offices of state which she

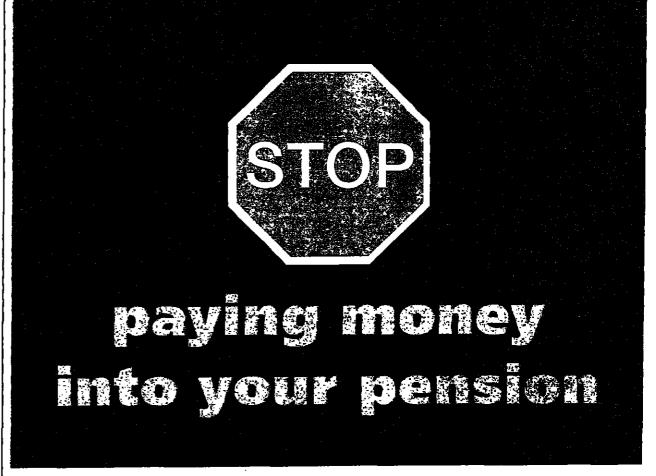
coveted for him. Friends say she argued against him resigning his Cabinet post in 1995 to contest this libel action. Bitter experience had taught her to accept his personal infidelities.

In 1980, when she was dangerously ill after the birth of her twin girls, her husband had to apologise for his affair with secretary Paula Strudwick, a former prostitute who, unknown to him, had specialised in sado-maso-

Society columns would often link Jonathan with a succession of women. She watched him woo Carol Thatcher while dating ber and said stoically: "I saw it as a battle lost, not the war."

Mrs Aitken embarked on an ever more edectic search for spiritual fulfilment involving Buddhist retreats, Red Indian ceremonies in Oregon and visits to the Dalai Lama

What Jonathan Aitken will never know is how his longsuffering wife would have performed in the witness box. maintaining the greatest lie of



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Robert Wareing, the Labour MP, yesterday denied receiv-ing benefits from alleged busi-

ness links with a Serbian The MP for Liverpool West Derby, who has been suspend-

ed by the party, is facing an investigation by the parliamentary standards watchdog into allegations that he failed

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Charmer of the blue-rinse brigade spearheads Tory campaign to appeal to the young

Hague's fresh start brings yesterday's man back into fold

By JILL SHERMAN. CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WILLIAM HAGUE launched his leadership campaign with the slogan. "A fresh start". But yesterday he astonished MPs. by turning the clock back lo years and appointing Cecil Parkinson as Tory party chair-

man for the second time. Lord Parkinson, 65, who dramatically resigned from the Government in 1983 after Sara Keays revealed that she was pregnant with his child. was one of Margaret Thatcher's favourite protégés and is still a close friend.

His return to the political centre stage will alarm those who are already worried that Mr Hague's leadership will herald a swing to the Right. with rightwingers holding the key posts in his Shadow

Baroness Thatcher's late endorsement of Mr Hague on Wednesday signalled her determination to see her legacy survive once her favourite candidates had dropped out. Although Mr Hague's advisers publicly played down the link with Baroness Thatcher, party sources suggested that Lord Parkinson would be in close contact with her. A Tory more comfortable than she has done for years with Cecil

as party chairman." The appointment of someone whose parliamentary career started when Mr

Hague was only nine years old is also at odds with the new leader's determination to transform the party and bring

in young blood. But yesterday Lord Parkinson, who last time he was party chairman was credited with masterminding the Tory landslide of 1983, dismissed the suggestion that his twoyear appointment meant a retreat to the days of Mrs Thatcher. "I'm not charged with the task of burnishing the memory of the past. I'm charged with the task of drawing up plans about the future," he insisted.

His main task will be to reorganise the party and ensure the grass roots have a greater say in choosing the party leader and more involvement in policy-making

Despite his downfall in 1983, Lady Thatcher brought him as Energy Secretary. However, he was immediately removed by John Major when he became Prime Minister in

The flirtatious Lord Parkinson has always oozed a slightly risqué charm and is adored by the Tory blue-rinse brigade. His gossipy and indiscreet manner has in the past endeared him to the male bastion of the party although many will be amazed at this latest rehabilitation. The

will also be disappointed that Mr Hague has not chosen someone with whom they can

Lord Parkinson entered the House of Commons as MP for Enfield West in 1970. His rise through the party was swift becoming a parliamentary private secretary in 1972 and a government whip in 1974. He remained as a whip in

Opposition till 1976 when he moved to become Opposition spokesman for trade and industry, becoming minister in that Department in 1979. He was promoted by Mrs Thatcher to Paymaster General and Chairman of the party in September 1981 till the election victory two years

Mrs Thather appointed him as Trade and Industry Secretary in June 1983 but he resigned at the Tory party conference in October that year, after Ms Keays had told The Times about their affair.

Lord Parkinson has never hid his political ambitions and after his resignation in 1983 he rejected a number of rewarding business offers that might have conflicted with any political comeback. Yesterday he proved he could come back

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William Hague and his choice as party chairman. Lord Parkinson, also appointed by Baroness Thatcher

Too old for pop, this Ox may go far

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

AT 36, William Hague is probably too old to be a pop star, but he is exactly the right age to be chased for maintenance by the Child Support

If he had chosen a musical career, Mr Hague would now be plummeting down the charts. His fellow 36-year-olds Boy George, Andy Taylor of Duran Duran, Slim Jim Phantom of the Stray Cats. Lloyd Cole of the Commotions and Nick Heyward of Haircut 100 - all peaked in

But had Mr Hague chosen drama, he could still be at the height of success, either as a leading man like George Clooney, or a comic character actor like Eddie Murphy and Nicholas Lyndhurst

He has little obviously in common with 36-year-old contemporaries such as the actor Tim Roth and the comic Harry Enfield, who partly based his character Tory

Boy" on Mr Hague. In his love life. Mr Hague is a glaringly late developer. Of the few 36-year-old bride-grooms in this country (only 6,000 a year), fewer than half are getting married for the first time. The average age of an "absent parent", almost always the father, on the Child Support Agency's books

is precisely 36. Mr Hague was born in the Chinese Year of the Ox, which may explain his success, ac-cording to Lori Reid, author

of The Complete Illustrated Guide to Chinese Horoscopes. "Oxen this year will have plenty of romance and opportunities to travel." she said. "They are workaholics, rather stolid lovers, can be bloody-minded and are terribly old-fashioned."

The most common causes of death for Englishmen aged 36 today are injury and. alarmingly, poisoning. Mr Hague should beware as. according to the Chinese, Tony Blair is a Snake.

Absent fathers face a new crackdown from the Child Support Agency. Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, told the Commons that the agency must eliminate its backing, complete 500,000 extra assessments this year. improve its accuracy and set up extra telephone lines to give callers prompter service.

Bard on Tyne

The English Shakespeare Company, which almost col-lapsed three years ago after funding cuts, is to have its first permanent base at the Tyne. Theatre and Opera House in Newcastle. Michael Bogdanov, the company's artistic director, said he was pleased to escape the elitism of London theatregoers.

Attacker held

A man who attacked a woman outside her flat and tried to force her inside has been detained indefinitely under mental health laws after the Old Bailey was told he had schizophrenia. Adrian Rajaratnam, 25, of southeast London, was caught after his victim fought him off. He was con-

King William inaugurates the Thatcherite Restoration

THE Thatcherites have taken as her first party chairman, in her charge. William Hague has not only received the blessing of Margaret Thatcher, but he has reciprocated, His first appointments are less a fresh start than a Restoration. After the Crontwellian six-and-a-half years of the man from Huntingdon. the old regime has returned.

This has been symbolised by the appointment of Cecil Parkinson as party chairman. 14 years after he left Conservative Central Office. It is as if Mr Hague is consciously emulating Baroness Thatcher, who also went back to a figure from the past ate the Thatcher spirit of strong

case to the late Lord Thorneycroft. Like him, Lord Parkinson is a shrewd and charming veteran who can understand the party grassroots. But it is a strange move. Lord Parkinson was a successful

chairman from 1981 to 1983, but in very different circumstances. It is always hard to go back to a job you have previously done. He now looks a ligure from the past, a golden oldie, rather than a fresh face to lead a revolution in party organisation.

It is all very well trying to re-cre-

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leadership and success. That may please Tory activists. But harking back to the past is not the way to appeal to potential members, particu-larly younger ones, and to win back the millions of former Tory voters.

The first batch of Shadow Cabinet appointments confirms the dominance of the Right, with Peter Lilley and Michael Howard as Shadow Chancellor and Shadow Foreign Secretary respectively. That is expected and their due reward. After

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all, the Right won on Thursday. Mr Lilley has the intellectual potential to be the Geoffrey Howe or Nigel Lawson of his era, while Mr How-ard's exchanges with Robin Cook will not be for the squeamish. John Redwood will be seen as lucky in being given Trade and Industry after the past week's manoeuvrings. Stephen Dorrell is a strong choice for Education and Employment.

The real indication of how far Mr Hague intends to be "inclusive", in

the fashionable jargon, will come today with the announcement of the rest of the Shadow Cabinet. Since only four former members of the Major Cabinet are still available. the rest having either retired from the Commons or lost their seats on May I, there are bound to be several fresh faces - from among Michael Ancram, David Heathcoat-Amory, James Arbuthnot and John Maples.

The pro-Europeans are worried. They have not only lost the leadership contest. They also fear that party policy will move decisively in a Eurosceptic direction - and not

just over the single currency, where Mr Redwood will not recant his objections in principle. As important in the short term may be Mr Howard's belief that Britain should repatriate powers from Europe, That means the renegotiation of existing treaties, which is rejected by Kenneth Clarke and his allies. Mr Hague's early decisions are aimed more at the faithful than the uncommitted. He has yet to show he

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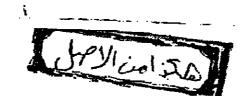
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Kray, from Sanderstead, southeast London, was also convicted of supplying two kilograms of cocaine, worth £63,000 last July. Yesterday, as the jury re-turned the second of its

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CHARLIE KRAY, the 70-yearold elder brother of the twins

Reggie and Ronnie, faces spending the rest of his life in

prison after he was convicted

yesterday of masterminding a E39 million cocaine deal:

trial, a jury at Woolwich Crown Court found Kray

guilty of offering to supply

undercover police officers with

a consignment of cocaine ev-

ery formight for two years. During the trial the street

value of the cocaine was put at

£39 million, but police and

lawyers estimate that it could

have been worth as much as

£78 million.

At the end of a five-week

unanimous verdicts after three days of deliberations, Judy Stanley, 42, Kray's girlfriend, covered her face. Other women in the packed public gallery began crying and men shook their heads, but Kray sat in the dock without showing any

Kray was last convicted in



Charlie Kray convicted of

Charlie and Reggie Kray at the funeral of their brother Ronnie in 1995. Defence lawyers tried several times to persuade Reggie to testify at Charlie's trial, but he refused. Legal sources suggested that he did not want to jeopardise his chances of release from jail next May. He reportedly told the defence team he would not take part in a court "circus"

the body of Jack "The Hat" McVitte, murdered by his brother Reggie. He was re-leased in 1975 and, throughout his trial, maintained that he was nothing more than a "lovable old villain" who lived off stories about the Kray gang in the 1960s.

After the result Kray shook hands with Jonathan Goldberg, QC, his barrister. He blew a kiss to Miss Stanley before being led away to await sentencing on Monday. Earlier Judge Carroll warned him

ed guilty earlier to supplying the drug that they would all face custodial sentences.

The top sentence for trafficking in cocaine is now life. Whatever the length of the sentence. Krav will serve at least part of it as a "Triple A" maximum security prisoner.

Outside the court friends continued to claim his innocence. Miss Stanley was too upset to speak. Diana Buffini, a former girlfriend, said there was evidence that the jury was not allowed to see. Maureen Cox, a former Sun Page Three always under suspicion.

He is the wrong side of 70 to be incarcerated again. God only knows how he will get through it."

'Lovable old villain' who claimed he just had a bad name could end his days in prison

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Kray will go to prison just as his brother Reggie looks for-ward to possible release next year after serving 30 years for murder. Ronnie, his twin, died two years ago in Broadmoor.

The twins were repeatedly mentioned during the trial as the defence argued that Kray was the victim of the family name. Character witnesses such as Britain's first Miss UK and "Mad" Frankie Fraser, former minder for the rival Richardson gang in south London, swore that Kray was innocent. Kray claimed that the drug deal was just a scam

But the jury was told that Kray had been extensively tape-recorded setting up a deal with undercover officers brought in by Scotland Yard. Kray was described as a middleman between suppliers and dealers. One officer posed as a crooked Newcastle businessman and Kray set up the cocaine deal with him.

He boasted of the drugs he could get and told him he would never be directly connected with the drugs or the cash because he knew he was



Charlie Kray on leave from jail in 1974 with his mother, Violet, and Susan Dwyer

How net closed on criminal who evaded arrest for 20 years BY OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT



Read: detective who convicted Krays in 1969

CHARLIE KRAY wanted to appear

an old rogue living off the legend of his twin brothers Ronnie and Reggie, but Scotland Yard's files depict him as a lifetime crook. Since his release from prison in

1975, at least three operations have been mounted against him by police after he was linked to amphetamine production, counterfeit videotapes and fake pound coms. Underworld whispers connected him to protection rackets. One senior officer said of Kray: "He has spent a lifetime as a top-tier criminal, who has made a living from crime but evaded arrest.

Out of the blue he could offer a £78 million coke deal. You cannot do that unless you are a main player with contacts." He had no bank account or credit cards. One investigator said: "He has never paid any tax, never worked and never drawn benefit. How do you do that unless it's crime?"

The detective who convicted all three Kray brothers almost 30 years ago. Leonard "Nipper" Read, said: "Charlie has been presented as some bumbling idiot. That is far from the case. He was well and truly part of the Kray firm. When the twins were in trouble, he was the first person they turned to." Mr Read, 71, said

that dozens of charges had been left about himself and the twins. and on the file when Kray was convicted in 1969 of helping the brothers get rid of the body of Jack "The Hat" McVitie, and given a ten-year sentence. He said Kray was dever, but never violent; he never needed to be. 'All he had to say was that he was Charlie Kray. People looked over his shoulder and wondered where the twins were.

During that heyday of the Kray empire he was a powerful figure in the background, helping to set up and run the Kray clubs. After he was released in 1975, he managed a pop group, sold cutlery at the Ideal Home Exhibition, co-wrote books

provided advice for a film on the twins. His name continued to reach police. Forces in the Midlands and East Anglia heard whispers.

in the 1980s the Yard's task force on organised crime began a clandestine investigation into drug-deal links between Kray and the remnants of the brothers' old rivals, the Richardson gang. Regional crime squad officers also investigated him.

The key moment came when detectives in east London were given information that he and another criminal target were involved in large-scale drug supplies to the East End. Kray, who knew that he attracted police attention, was cautious. The team decided to set a trap using undercover officers who would make their approach away from London. Plain-clothes detectives from provincial forces chose a party in Birmingham to make their pitch. They posed as crooked businessmen with an interest in drugs.

Kray offered them a shopping list. After his arrest there was no swearing, no threats, no struggles. "It was like going back 30 years," said Detective Superintendent Gavin Robertson, who caught him. "He was a gentleman. I asked him if he wanted a cup of tea and he said, "Thank you." It was that polite."

Women jailed for fire that killed family

By A STAFF REPORTER

THREE women were jailed yesterday after the deaths of a young mother and her two children in an arson attack

inspired by jealousy.

Donna Clarke, 27, was cleared of murder but sentenced to 20 years for arson after pouring petrol through the letter box. Clarke's aunt, Annette Hewins, 31, who supplied the petrol, was also cleared of murder and convicted of arson, and jailed for 13

Ms Jones, 21, died with Shauna, aged two, and 13-month-old Sarah Jane. Cardiff Crown Court was told that Clarke, who had been having an affair with Shaun Hibberd, Ms Jones's partner, took her revenge after Mr Hibberd ended the relationship.

In October 1995 she ignited petrol in the hallway of the couple's home on a large council estate in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales. Mr Hibberd was in jail. Neighbours who tried to rescue the victims heard Ms Jones shout: "My babies, my babies."

She was discovered in a bedroom with her arms stretched over Sarah Jane. Shauna was huddled below a window. Clarke had returned to watch firefighters tackle the

Mr Hibberd had said that Clarke, a mother of two, had pestered him after he ended their affair. The jury heard that, weeks before the fire, she told a friend: "I can't wait to get my hands on Diane - I'm going to petrol-bomb her."

Another friend of Clarke, Denise Sullivan, 25, was cleared of murder and arson but convicted of perverting the course of justice by trying to mislead police. She was jailed for four years.

John Rees, for the prosecution, warned the jury of "a culture shock" when hearing about some of those involved. "They live a seedy and sordid way of life, the women as well



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Blair asks Americans to stop funding Sinn Fein

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, IN DENVER

TONY BLAIR appealed to the ing money for terrorism yes-President Clinton's backing for a fresh attempt next week to revive the Northern Ireland

The Prime Minister is seizing on a wave of revulsion that has followed last Monday's murder of two policemen in Lurgan. Co Armagh. to put extra pressure on Sinn Fein to call a ceasefire and come to the peace table. He said: "I am saying to the American people: those of you who have any attachment to Sinn Fein should know that any money you give now ends up with policemen being killed in cold blood on the streets."

Mr Blair, in Denver for the Summit of the Eight, will today brief the President on a statement he intends to make to the Commons next Tuesday or Wednesday setting out his with or without Sinn Fein. He wants Mr Clinton to put additional pressure on Sinn Fein for an IRA ceasefire.

The briefing will include details of secret efforts made by the Government to bring the republicans into multiparty talks. Mr Blair is expected to gamble next week by revealing many of the details to MPs. It is clear he wants to make one final attempt to include Sinn Fein.

Senior ministers believe that Sinn Fein is feeling in-creasingly isolated after the wave of revulsion in America. Ireland and among its own supporters over last Monday's murders. Mr Blair believes the shooting was "an act of sabotage" by the IRA, or elements of it, designed to scupper the peace effort. The Government has received private messages from Sinn Fein that they were in no way involved, and security services are assessing this claim.

Louis J. Freeh, the FBI director, expressed his outrage

at the killings yesterday and said: "These cowardly murders outraged the consciences of all law-abiding people. The FBI will enhance its efforts with its law enforcement partners in Northern Ireland, Ireland and Britain to ensure that the terrorists will be fully prosecuted, together with their organisational support and

Despite Mr Clinton's heavy schedule in chairing the summit, he has asked for two separate private meetings with Mr Blair at which the main subject will be Northern Ireland. There have been reports that Mr Clinton is fast losing patience with Sinn Fein and is considering breaking off contacts with the party and its president, Gerry Adams.

Downing Street officials travelling with M. Plair approach elling with Mr Blair appeared cautious about such a move.
A senior official said: "He

thinks it is important to set out

what we have been doing, and

killings were a serious blow to officials said that Mr Blair had ideas about pushing the process forward. Mr Blair will urge Mr Clinton to keep up the pressure on the Sinn Fein and IRA to announce a new ceasefire. The Government broke off all relations with

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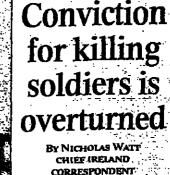
killings.
Mr Blair will hold confidential talks on Ulster with William Hague, the new Tory leader, after his return from the Denver economic summit and the Rig Two environmental summit in New York.

Sinn Fein after the Lurgan

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A well-wisher hugs Patrick Kane after his conviction was overturned yesterday



Corporal Wood minutes before his death in 1988

A MAN jailed for life for aiding and abetting the mur-ders of two army corporals at an IRA funeral in West Belfast in 1988 was freed yesterday after the Court of Appeal

quashed his conviction.

Jubilant relatives and supporters of Patrick Kanecheered as he was freed by a judge at the High Court in Belfast after nine years in jail. Mr Kane, 39, was one of three men convicted in 1990 for aiding and abetting the mur-ders of Derek Wood and David Howes in March 1988. The corporals were dragged out of their car, beaten and shot after they were caught in the path of an IRA funeral in the Andersonstown area of

The trial judge ruled that the men were part of a "joint enterprise" to murder the corporals. The three lost their appeals, but Mr Kane's case was referred back to the Court of Appeal by the former Northern Ireland Secretary, Lord Mayhew of Twysden.

Lord Justice McCollum said yesterday that he had been persuaded to overturn the verdict after hearing evidence from Dr Gisli Gudjonsson, a forensic psychologist from Norway, that Mr Kane had the literacy and numerical skills of an 11-year-old.

Mr Kane was not in court to hear the judgment because a prison van taking him to the High Court was held up in traffic. But wild clapping and cheering broke out in court among relatives and supporters as his conviction was quashed. Mr Kane's elderly parents, Barney and Maureen, from West Belfast, were hugged by their other children as they waited for their son to arrive.

When Mr Kane eventually arrived, he was mobbed by relatives and friends shouting: "You're free Paddy. you're free."

Overcome with emotion, he said: "I have been in jail for nearly nine years of my life for something I had nothing to do with. I suppose the court will say they gave me justice today. But justice should have been nine years ago. I should never have done a day in jail."

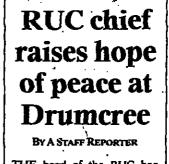
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THE head of the RUC has voiced his belief that any trouble at next month's contentious Orange Order parade in Drumcree will be less serious than the violence of last year's event.

Ronnie Flanagan, the Chief Constable, said yesterday that, although he saw little chance of nationalists and loyalists reaching an agreement over the march, he thought that both sides wanted it to be as peaceful as possible.

Last year violence erupted throughout Northern Ireland when Orangemen were allowed to march through a Roman Catholic area of Portadown after initially being blocked by the RUC. This year the Orangemen are refusing to meet the Catholic residents' group that is opposed to their parade, which will take place in two weeks. Mr Flanagan said the two

sides showed no sign of reaching a "conclusion with which they both can live", but added: "I see very encouraging signs that on both sides they are saying. 'Whatever we do we will keep it peaceful.' While I think there will be some trouble, I remain confident that it will not be of the scale or the nature of last year."



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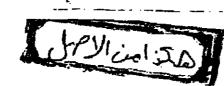
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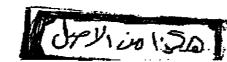
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Five years after the green summit, world leaders are to review progress



Alan Waters making charcoal at the Weald and Downland open-air museum in Sussex. A British scheme has revived local production of charcoal

Global rise in car ownership hits efforts to curb pollution

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE number of cars in use worldwide is forecast to rise to 500 million by next year, undermining international efforts to curb air pollution and halt global warming, experts said yester-day. In Britain the number of cars has risen from 20.4 million in 1992 to more than 21.3 million.

Tony Juniper, of Friends of the Earth, who is a member of the British delegation to the United Nations environment summit in New York this weekend, said yesterday: "There are more cars in Britain than in sub-Saharan Africa, India and China. But this is set to change as rapid economic and population growth in the developing world dwarfs our use of resources." He was speaking on the eve of the

is to review progress on the environment five years after the Rio Earth Summit. Reports by UN agencies and environmental research institutes paint a gloomy picture. "Unless there is fundamental change in energy patterns and resource consumption. global catastrophe will be on us before the middle of the next century." Mr Juniper said

Since 1992 an area of forest five times the size of England has been logged or cleared in developing countries, according to the UN's Food and Agricultural Organisation. In the Amazon region of South America, the rate of deforestation has risen from 11,000 square kilometres a year to 15,000 square kilometres since the Rio summit. The damage to the forests means that thousands of animal and

in the past five years, at the rate of between one and three an hour.

About 112 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide, the gas linked to global warming, have been released into the atmosphere since 1992, raising the level from 356 parts per million to 364. Only Britain, Russia and Germany are on course to meet their Rio commitments to stabilise emissions of CO2 at 1990 levels by 2000. Third World debt, which it is claimed is pushing developing countries into environmentally damaging schemes such as logging. mining and industrial fishing, has risen during the same period from \$1,662 billion to \$2,000 billion.

But hopes that the conference will address these concerns are looking slim, with international disagreements looming over the issue of foreign aid.

the Rio convention's commitments covering climate change and Mr Blair will reaffirm Britain's pledge to cut CO₂ emissions by 20 per cent by 2010. However, the G77 countries, representing the poor nations as well as the oilproducing states, have been blocking all new agreements. They are claiming that the richer countries have reneged on an agreement to give 0.7 per cent of their gross national product to green schemes in the Third World.

Since 1992 the percentage that rich nations give has dropped from 0.34 to 0.27, the lowest since 1970. Since 1985 the amount of Britain's wealth given in aid has fallen from 0.33 per cent to 0.28 per cent, according to the UN's recent human development report.

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Ancient industry points way to the future

A BRITISH project to produce charcoal for barbecues from local resources is to be un-veiled in New York when on the environment.

The scheme, which involves coppicing woodlands, and is backed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the National Trust, BP, B &Q and other organisations, shows that saving wildlife and con-serving the environment can be profitable. John Browne, head of BP, said yesterday: Sustainable development is increasingly important to consumers. The organisers of this scheme have approached it not only with imagination but also with commercial sense."

The project has brought back 100 neglected British woodlands back into production. Britain's forests once supported a thriving industry based on coppicing to produce charcoal and materials for fence-making and basketweaving. But since the war, cheap imports of charcoal, produced from felling rain forests and from mangrove swamps which are vital for wildlife, have poured into Britain to support a rise in the popularity of barbecues.

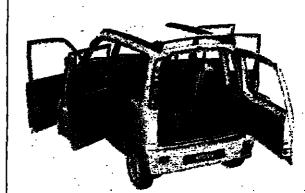
The scheme, backed by the BioRegional Charcoal Company, a charity, is helping to sup-ply income to foresters and reduce imports of environmentally damaging charcoal. It was chosen by the World Wide Fund for Nature as one of eight first-rate sustainable development projects from round the world. The product is slightly more expensive than the imported charcoal but is claimed to burn better and for longer. Dr Alan Knight, environmental controller at B & Q, said that the company hoped to have British charcoal, supplied by 70 burners in most of its 283 stores by the end of the year.

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Prescott reprieves oast house | Royal plea on the big cheeses

By Alexandra Frean, local government correspondent

JOHN PRESCOTT has come to the rescue of an amateur builder trying to stop a council returning an 18th-century oast house to a derelict state. John Panvert, a former National Hunt jockey, did not realise that planning permissider the appeal. sion was needed when restor-

Sevenoaks council ordered him to reverse the repairs. Mr Panvert won a temporary reprieve when Mr Prescott conceded in a letter that

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Oast in Underriver, Kent.

Department of Environment inspectors had used "inadequate reasoning" when they dismissed his appeal against the council's order. The Environment Secretary has ordered inspectors to recon-

Mr Panvert yesterday described the decision as a "moral victory" and added: "It cannot be in the public's interest to order that a beautiful old building should be half-demolished." He bought the twin-towered oast house

and its adjoining barn for £12,000 in 1988. He began rebuilding and had just repaired the roof in 1989 when Sevenoaks District Council ordered that he should pull down his repairs.

Vic Jennings, chairman of the council's development control sub-committee, said the council did not want to demolish the oast house, but wanted the removal of new building works carried out in the Green Belt without planning permission.

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT, AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE Prince of Wales is to be asked to help save hundreds of traditional cheeses, including such names as roquefort and farmhouse camembert, which are threatened by American demands for a world ban on the use of raw milk.

The Prince is patron of Britain's Specialist Cheesemakers' Association, which is mounting a European campaign to resist the ban. American officials maintain that cheeses made from raw milk are dangerous because they

have not undergone the heattreatment involved in pasteurisation which destroys bacteria. Specialist producers say this gives their cheeses their uniquely rich flavour. The United States is expect-

ed to table a banning motion at the September meeting of the Codex Alimentarius, a body run by the Geneva-based World Health Organisation and the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organisation, which has 129 member countries and sets international

food safety standards. Arthur Cunynghame, chairman of the association and director of the cheese purveyors Paxton & Whitfield, said: "We have written to the new Government asking its view." The Prince would be informed

once a response was received. EU rules allow raw milk to be used provided it comes from cows free of disease. passes tests for microbiological contamination, and satisfies a range of hygiene conditions.



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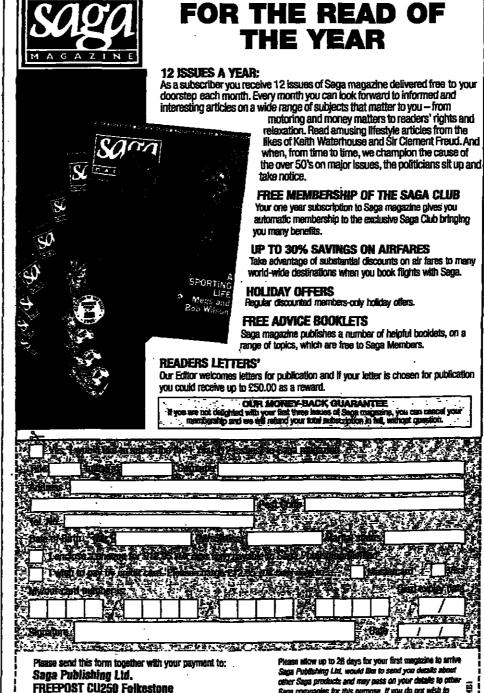
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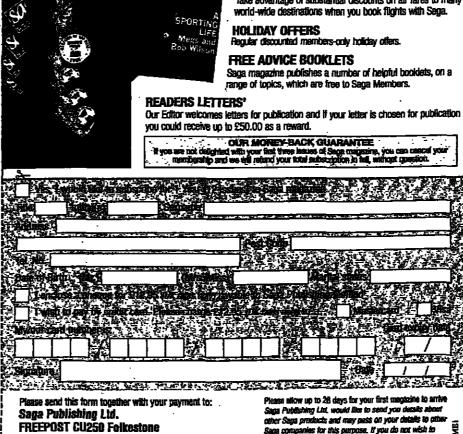
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Oxbridge rises up against horde of foreign invaders

THE historic tensions between town and gown, once the greatest threat to the summer calm of Britain's famous university cities, are being

eclipsed by a new problem. Some 7.5 million people visit the 76 colleges in Oxford and Cambridge each year and, as examinations approach, they cause more problems than the traditional animosity between Undergraduates at Sidney

Sussex College, Cambridge, were threatened with expul-sion this week after they pelted a tour bus with fruit in exasperation at its noisy commentary. Other colleges called recently for tighter policing of tourist on punts who block the Backs and disturb finalists

Oxford students have complained about noise outside the Examination Schools and the Bodleian Library, and others report that nosy tourists photograph them on the way to the shower. Sarah

TOURIST TRAPS

More than 8.2 million tourists visit Oxford, Cambridge and Durham each year. Oxford attracts 4 million, Cambridge 3.5 million and Durham about 700,000.

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Oxford has 22,000 students, Cambridge 20,000 and Durham 8,000. Students form 20 per cent of Durham's inhabitants, and 17 per cent each in Oxford and Cambridge.

Gambridge attracts 32 visitors for every resident. Oxford attracts 30 and Durham 18.

More than a million tourists visited King's College, Cambridge, in 1992, a year before admission charges. Numbers fell to 500,000

Bonnett, a former student Sussex and president-elect of Cambridge University Stu-dent Union, said: "The fruitthrowing at Sidney was symptomatic of the way students are getting frustrated by a city that feels more like a tourist Disneyland than a place to study. Some of us, particularly the finalists, have just had enough."

Revision and examinations are routinely interrupted by noise, even when many colleges shut their doors to visitors in June. Ms Bonnett sat examinations in Chapter

King's and Clare colleges. "The tourists had no idea that we were sitting the most important and stressful exams of our life while they were causing a racket," she said.

Oxford students complain of similar problems. The Ex-amination Schools are next to one of the main set-downs for coach services from London, and the Old Bodleian and Radcliffe Camera are mustsees on any tour.

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sheer number of visitors is making attempts to control them difficult. Each year more than 3.5 million visit Cambridge, a town of 110,000; Oxford, at 132,000, attracts about four million visitors and tourist authorities say numbers are on the increase.

Students at Emmanuel College have also complained about the open-top Guide Priday bus that passes accommodation blocks with loud commentary. "There is no privacy at all and it's impossible to work," Patrick McDermott, a Sidney Sussex undergraduate, said. A rival tour bus has won plaudits for giving its passengers head-phones, but Guide Friday has no plans to cut the noise.

Local people, too, are upset. Joan Stevens, a Cambridge barmaid, said: The students don't see the worst of it. When they all go home the place fills up with foreign-language stu-dents. If you think it's crowded and noisy in June, try it in

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Accent on class for mon bill (in undergraduates who head north

By Mark Henderson

DURHAM suffers some of Co Durham mines over the the worst relations between still keen in a largely workingclass city whose 40,000 inhabitants are joined by 8,000 students, mainly middle-class

southerners.

Many city-centre pubs become no go areas for students at the weekends, as young men pour into Durham from the surrounding villages. Fights and student-baiting are common, and most students try to keep out of the way, drinking in the union or

"Many residents are still very anti-student and very anti-southern," said Alan Proctor, acting president of Durham's student union. There are still pubs where students wouldn't be seen dead. If they were seen there, they would be dead."

proving slightly on the back of a community action pro-gramme, under which students teach remedial classes in local schools and help the handicapped and the elderly. but the city remained essentially divided.

Albert Cartmell, Vice-Master of University College, said tensions had been worsened

past decade. "The unemployment in the pit villages is a big problem, and you do get young working-class men taking their frustrations out on the students. In Cambridge, you have a town which is middle class, where most of the young people will go to university themselves. Dur-

ham is very different." Neil Goss, a Durham taxidriver, said students were slowly learning not to antagonise local people: "They are better than they used to be. At least they keep themselves to themselves."

Durham students do not suffer from the tourist plague which afflicts their counterparts at Oxford and Cambridge, but an increasing volume of visitors is adding to the city's worries. More than 700.000 tourists visit Durham

Rowers on the Wear weave between pleasure boats. coaches cause havoc on steep city-centre streets and students are starting to complain about noisy tour groups disrupting studies. Those sitting examinations at the Durham Union's Pemberton Building on Palace Green have to deal with noise from visitors to the by the closure of most of the cathedral and the castle.

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A SOLDIER shot at dawn for cowardice on the battlefield is to have his name added to the roll of honour on his home town's war memorial, 80 years after his execution.

The public acknowledgment of Lance Sergeant William Stones, 25, is the first success for a growing campaign to exonerate 307 soldiers executed for allegedly failing to do their duty in the trenches of the First World War.

Last month the Government announced that it was to reexamine their cases. It is now believed many were suffering what is today diagnosed as post-traumatic stress disorder. Yesterday the news that the

small Co Durham market town of Crook was to add the name of Willy Stones to the memorial was greated with tears of joy by Tom Stones, his great-nephew. He discovered his great-uncle's fate only last year while researching his family tree and has cam-paigned since then for his

exoneration. Mr Stones, 56, a microbiologist from Stafford, said: "I thought I would have to make a representation to the local council, but they have done it off their own bat." Stones's guilty verdict for

"shamefully casting his rifle away" in the face of the enemy was brought in despite his denial and testimonials from his officers that he was a *keen and bold soldier. When Mr Stones launched

his campaign, he said: "When read the trial papers I thought, 'How in God's name could they find him guilty? ! say he was murdered. Even now some of his wife's descendants don't want to know about this, but I am really proud of him."

Mr Stones will attend a formal ceremony to mark the addition of his great-uncle's name to the town's cenotaph later this year, wits h council leaders, representatives of the Royal British Legion and former members of his great-

had never met than those three men he prayed with just uncle's regiment, the Durham Sergeant Stones was senbefore the fatal dawn . . .

The Stones case was one of tenced on Christmas Eve 1916 to die for his cowardice. A several taken up by Julian Putowski in his book Shot At Dawn. He said: "It is wondermonth later he and two other NCOs were executed by a ful news that the council is to firing squad in a snow-covered honour Sergeant Stones. He A.E. Rochester, and other men like him were who witnessed the event, later true heroes and should be wrote: "Manacled and blind-

remembered that way."
John Hipkin, 70, Newcastle upon Tyne, another campaigner, said: "I am elated at the council's decision to honour Lance Sergeant Stones. It is a step in the right direction. I hope that other towns will follow Crook's example and bring honour to these young men.'

Olive Brown, leader of the Labour-run Wear Valley council, said: "We decided not to wait for an official pardon to come through but to honour a brave man in the most fitting way we could. He was a hero and did not deserve to die in the way that he did."

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Jet ordeal stowaway 'thought he was on ship'

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A SIKH stowaway who flew to Heathrow from Delhi in the wheel bay of a jumbo jet was so confused that he told officials he had travelled by ship, an immigration appeal hearing was told yesterday.

Pardeep Saini, 22, is chal-lenging the Home Office decision to refuse asylum, and claims he would be persecuted by the Punjabi authorities if returned to India. The hearing was told that, in interviews after he was found on the tarmac on October 12, Mr Saini gave different accounts of his family background and how he boarded the aircraft.

His lawyer. Elizabeth Jenkins, said he had suffered mental damage and would now be unable to look after himself in India, where he had no surviving relatives. She claimed he should not have been interviewed so soon after surviving temperatures of -60C on the ten-hour flight, during which his brother Vijay, 18, died of hypothermia and fell 2,000ft. The hearing adjudicator reserved her dec-

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for medical studies may hit £10,000

By David Charter

MEDICAL students face paying course fees of £10,000 under proposals for a sliding scale of tuition charges in the Government's review of higher education.

The review, led by Sir Ron Dearing, is considering making students pay a quarter of their tuition costs, amounting to £2,000 a year for high-cost courses such as medicine and veterinary science. But students on low-cost arts courses, such as English, would pay a few hundred pounds.

Although the principle has strong support in Sir Ron's committee, its proponents are divided over whether to back the sliding scale, an annual fee several hundred. The charge will not be in advance but become part of maint-

enance loan repayments. Douglas Trainer, president of the National Union of Students, said students would fight tooth and nail against any payment for tuition. "The threat of fees is striking fear into potential students and their parents who are thinking about their future higher education." he said.

Sir Ron's final report is due to be published on July 17.

the record for fastest

tioned around the par-71 course at Dereham Golf Club in Norfolk, with each shot being hit by the one closest to the ball. As each putt was sunk, a marshal signalled for the player on the next tee to drive off. Lost balls were immediately replayed.

The group, ranging from scratch golfers to occasional hackers, beat North Fife Rotary Chib's record for a course of more than 6,500 yards by 48 seconds. It was their third fading as the ball was played

organiser, said: "It was an incredible feat. The hall was moving so fast that nobody had a chance to count the number of shots, but it must have been well over a hundred."

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Tuition bill | Golfers bag 18 holes

A GROUP of golfers are claiming the British record for completing 18 holes in 14 minutes. A game played at the conventional pace usually takes three to four hours. The SO players were pos

down the eighteenth. Norman Simmons, the

A spokeswoman for the Guinness Book of Records said: "We don't keep British cannot say if this attempt in Norfolk is the fastest."

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Judge blames guide for fatal climbing accident

A MOUNTAIN guide was ordered yesterday to pay damages of up to £200,000 to the young son of a climber who fell to his death in the French

Alps.
David Cuthberison failed to take "elementary and fundamental" precautions to ensure the safety of his friend and client, Gerry Hedley, during the final ascent of a 12,000ft peak. Mr Justice Dyson ruled at the High Court. He said the decision should not open the floodgates for claims against guides whenever there was an accident. Climbing was a dangerous sport and only those who failed to minimise the danger to their charges would be liable.

The precise sum of damages for Mr Hedley's son, Daniel, 6, who was not born at the time of the fall, will be fixed later. The climber's widow said that she hoped the case would lead to a review of safety. But the British Mountaineering Council, which represents 36,000 climbers and hill walkers, emphasised that people ventured into the mountains at their own risk. It



David Cuthbertson, left, and his client, Gerry Hedley

no emergency. Nothing had happened to suggest a rock-

fall was about to occur." In

any case, making do with one

ice-screw would have saved

After the ruling, Mr Cuth-

bert said in a statement that he

was considering an appeal. "It

is only with the benefit of

perfect hindsight that the

court has reached the conclu-

sion it has."
Mr Cuthbertson was lead-

ing the climb in July 1990

when ice gave way beneath his

feet and he fell, dragging Mr

Hedley, 41, an inexperienced

only 30 seconds.

fears the ruling will encourage more climbers to sue, push up insurance premiums for guides and deter some from tackling certain climbs.

In his haste to escape a possible rockfall during the ascent of Tour Ronde, Mr Cuthbertson, 49, of Inverness, failed to protect Mr Hedley, the judge said. Crucially, he used one ice-screw to create an anchor, or belay, when to use two was the accepted

The judge said there must be "powerful and overriding reasons" to abandon the uni-

He made a "serious mistake . with tragic consequences which will live in his memory for the rest of his life". The risk of being hit by rocks, loosened by melting snow, was remote but a fall was forseeable.

The judge said that the guide had ample time to think and, even with the "benefit of hindsight, his decision could

not be justified". Mr Hedley's widow, Lynda Woodroffe, 48, of Kilburn, northwest London, broke down as the judgment was given. She had planned to tell her husband, an art conservationist, the day after his climb that she was pregnant. "His death cheated me of seeing the look on his face when I broke

She said she felt deep sadness for Mr Cuthbertson, who was covered by insurance. It took her and John Gillman, her solicitor, several years to get the case to court. French police refused to release their report, which was critical of Mr Cuthbertson, for three years until her MP, Ken



Lynda Woodroffe and her son, Daniel Hedley, who could receive up to £200.000

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Employees 'scared to admit they are stressed'

By Alexandra Frean SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE are not seeking help for stress at work because they are afraid of being seen as weak or mentally ill, the Health and Safety Commission said yesterday.

Frank Davies, the commission's chairman, said that misunderstandings about the nature of stress were preventing many companies tackling its causes and effects in the workplace. "Some organ-isations take the view that stress is not their problem. but an individual's," he said.

Mr Davies, speaking at the opening of a TUC conference on stress, quoted a study by the Health and Safety Executive which showed that about 7,500 employees a year miss work because of stress, costing businesses more than charity Mind suggested that between 25 and 50 per cent of sickness absence is attributable to stress.

Mr Davies said that employers could help by making sure that targets can be achieved, ensuring that staff are dealt with in a consistent and fair way, and by allowing them a say in controlling their working environment.

Car crash trauma led to illness, court rules

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By A STAFF REPORTER

THE courts vesterday recognised that multiple sclerosis can be triggered by the trauma

of an accident. Judge Kenny, sitting at the High Court, awarded more than £300,000 damages to a former chauffeur who developed the illness after suffering whiplash injuries when his car collided with a fire engine and was knocked about 40 yards. The judge accepted expert evidence that Joseph Kennedy began suffering from the disease after the

accident. Mr Kennedy, 47, of Croy-don, southeast London, noticed symptoms within three months of the crash in June 1989. It had caused "mild brain damage" and pelvic injuries which left Mr Kennedy impotent, although with medical help he fathered two dent had caused the break-

down of his marriage. The London Fire and Civil Defence Authority was found 75 per cent liable for the accident and ordered to pay Mr Kennedy E337,617. The judge ordered a stay on £100,000 of the damages, pending a possible appeal on whether the accident triggered multiple sclerosis.

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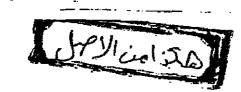
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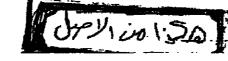
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Couple split up as they win fight to be married



Wedding day: Stephen Grant and the Earnshaws

A COUPLE whose church wedding was conducted by a young man on work experience have separated, it was discloses yesterday. The news of their breakup came just days after Church of England officials declared that the mar-

Rodney and Shirley Earnshaw, both 25, married in August at St John's Church in Huddersfield. Stephen Grant, 19, a student working as a church server, stepped in to take the service because the real clergyman was late. The couple sought legal advice when they found that

Mr Grant was not a priest.

and is living with his mother. Mrs "There is a great strain on our relation-ship and this whole situation has proved to be very stressful to us."

Her estranged husband's mother, Hilary Earnshaw, said: "I don't want to talk about this at all."

The question of the validity of their marriage had sent Church of England lawyers scurrying to ancient case-law books. Officials from the Wakefield diocese declared the marriage to be valid last week, on the ground that the couple genuinely believed that the vicar was

Yesterday a spokesman said: "This is a unique and very unfortunate situation

the couple's separation."
Mr Grant, of Bolster Moor, Huddersfield, said: "I am deeply saddened by this news. My thoughts and prayers have been with them since this whole thing started. I do hope they can reconcile their differences and I offer my best wishes to them for when they try to resume their

David's University College, in Lampeter, Wales, added that he was sure the split would be temporary: "I am very confident that this problem can be resolved because they seemed to be a very committed and strong couple who loved each other very much."

Mr Grant, who hopes to seek ordination after completing his studies at St

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Listen, we can heal gay rift

n the days when clergy used to say the whole Psalter every month, including the cursing sections now enclosed in square brackets. I used to look forward to the reference in Psalm 58 to "the deaf adder that stoppeth her ears; which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely".

The psalm singles out unwillingness to listen as the epitorne of wickedness. Nor is it hard to see why. To stop one's ears against someone is to deny that they are the psighbour whom we are neighbour whom we are commanded to love.

Yet listening can be extraordinarily difficult. The extraordinarily dufficult. The widening rift between two extreme groups in the Church of England on the subject of homosexuality is evidence of this. The protagonists of both extremes stop their ears in the

absolute conviction that they are right Conserva-tive Christians hold that the mat-ter has been settled what they inter-pret as the strong scriptural con-demnations of homosexual practice.

In reality they are defending a be-lief about Scripture rather than

uality as such.
Accusations of homophobia, narrowmindedness. intransigence and so forth may in some instances be justified, because even conservative Christians are sinners. But on the whole such criticisms miss the point because they do not point, because they do not recognise or address the main concern. They therefore

Campaigning homosex-uals speak of new understandings of sexuality, the validity of personal experi-ence and the need for selfacceptance. The message as frequently perceived by their opponents, however, is that they are advocating promis-cuity, corrupting the young and undermining marriage. Such an interpretation

may in some cases be justified, because homosexual Christians, too, are sinners. But wholesale condemnation of homosexuality, like whole-sale condemnation of conservative Christianity, entails a refusal to hear what is actually being said. There can be no way out of this impasse unless both sides are willing to unstop their ears. This does not mean agreeing with beliefs which may be deeply repugnant, but it does mean recognising that God some-times speaks to people through those whom they would most like to dismiss. The Churches have

pleaded for years that appar-ently irreconcilable oppo-nents in Northern Ireland should listen to one another, and search for some common ground. It would be ironic if Christians were unable to do the same in a matter which concerns their own internal unity.

So where do we begin? The first step. I believe, is to acknowledge that the issue is acknowledge that the issue is not going to be settled by strongarm tactics, publicity stunts or accusations of bad faith. The heart of

the problem lies in the nature of Christian belief itself. A faith which takes history seriously cannot es-cape the tension between loyalty to what has been given in the past to contemporary knowledge and ex-

It follows that

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there will always be contested areas. tions have simple answers, and that not all moral dilemmas are soluble, at least in the short For both sides to admit that homosexuality is a genu-inely contested area would be

a major step forward. It would allow the mutual exploration of different beliefs, without the threat of takeover bids. It could lead to the mapping of some areas of common concern, and perhaps to agreement on some moral boundaries. Within the areas of uncertainty and disagreement, there might be growth in mutual respect. It will not be easy, and on

the sidelines there will be those who cry, "fudge, hypoc-risy and compromise". I would myself describe it as a small advance in learning afresh how to love even our most uncharming neigh-

☐ Lord Habgood is former Archbishop of York

Bishop's plea to divided parish

BY OUR RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A BISHOP has made a plea for unity at an idyllic Essex church whose congregation was split by plans to rebuild the organ. The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Rev John Perry, launched a campaign for mission and renewal in a service at the 12th-century St Mary's church in Langham, which overlooks the Dedham Vale and features in Constable paintings.

Seven members of the parochial church council resigned earlier this year over plans by the rector, the Rev John Cardeli-Oliver, to remove a 127year-old organ and replace it with a new one using most of the old pipes, as part of wider rebuilding.

Bishop Perry refrained from making any judgmental comment about the troubles in the parish, but spoke out in support of the building plans. He said that an Anglican spiritual renewal programme was a programme of renewing the life of the church and its mission under God in the whole area".

At the service, the Langham church support trust launched a public campaign to raise funds for the programme: £50,000 is needed in the next year, with another £69,000 after that.

Hero of IRA blast joins monastery to spread peace

A SECURITY guard who res- woke in the night in a cold cued a baby caught in last year's IRA bombing of Manchester is to become a monk. Tony Gorrell, 31, said: "The stress, trauma and the horrors that I saw on that day have shown me that this is what I need to do."

Twelve months after the explosion. Mr Gorrell of Radford, Coventry, has announced his intention to join the Order of the Good Shepherd, helping the needy. He will make his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience later this year.

Mr Gorrell had been working in the Manchester Arndale Centre for the Coventry firm Euroguard Security and was helping to clear the area when the bomb went off at 11.20am, showering a baby's pushchair with glass. He picked up the child and took him to medics near by. Mr Gorrell, who is a Roman

Catholic, said that the past 12 months had been the most difficult in his life and that only his faith had pulled him through. He said that never a day went by when he did not think about the horrors he witnessed in the bombing.

sweat, reliving his fear of the moment the bomb went off. "It does get easier, but the memories never go away," he said. "It made me realise there is more need for peace in this world. I have always been a devout person, but what happened last year has pushed me

even more into doing what I'm "I am not interested in money or material things, I just want to help people and give something back. I had been thinking about joining a religious order for a few years but the Manchester experi-

Mr Gorrell, who is single and lives with his mother, will spend six months in Wolverhampton before undertaking

ence has reinforced it."

a 12-month training pro-gramme in Canada. He will live in a community with 40 other monks. Earlier this month he won

an out-of-court settlement from the security firm after alleging constructive dismissal. He claimed he had been placed under undue pressure after going back to work following the explosion. Mr Gorrell said the four-figure sum, which has not been paid



yet, would mean nothing to him. "I didn't do it for the money, I did it because I wanted others to know I haven't done anything

Now working for a haulage company at Hinckley, Leicestershire, Mr Gorrell said that joining the order was "a decision you don't take lightly. There will be no pay cheque at the end of the week, or

luxuries. But the important thing to me is that each day I will be helping people, and that each one will go away satisfied.

"I am really looking for-ward to it and I am not worried about giving anything up. Everyone has something to do in life and this is mine. I will still be able to see my family and I will be helping people every day." During the will be based at the Good Shepherd Trust community in Wolverhampton. One of its main aims is to help the homeless and disadvantaged, offering a daily meal and clothing service.

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He has visited the community three times for interviews and trial periods. Eventually he would like to work in the Third World.

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The European Jews on the other hand were not to be conquered or ruled, but simply to be wiped out. This mass execution began with the "Barbarossa-Invasion" against Russia. Special detachments of SS and SD rounded up unarmed and helpless Jews, driving them into ditches ruled by firing squads, locking them into gas chambers and ghettos, killing millions of men.

women and children with German meticulousness and precision . . . Around forty per cent of the Jewish population were murdered. This took place with the substantial help of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Hiwis (auxiliary troops of the SS) who were often known to be more atrocious and gruesome than the SS themselves.

This organised mass extermination began in July 1941. The mass executions by the SD and other special detachments didn't remain concealed; the Headquarters for deciphering war messages in London Bletchley Park managed to crack SS-codes on the 18th of July 1941, thus being exactly informed about the systematic decimation of Jewish inhabitants under the German occupation from then on. Further gruesome details about the

genocide gradually became known by messengers or refugees that had managed to escape the ghettos and concentration camps ...

I, the undersigned Artur Brauner, lost 49 relatives from both sides of my family. In the name of these relatives and friends and the millions of other victims that were murdered, I want to appeal to the Royal Family, the British government and the British people, to open their archives dating from 1941-45 and make them fully accessible to the public. It is high time that the British nation and the rest of mankind were informed about the accessories that are to be held responsible for keeping this genocide secret.

Did the Royal Family know what was happening? Had they been informed? If so, how did the Oueen reacte to this horrific revelation?

Thousands of Jewish inhabitants from White Russia were executed. Among them might have been relatives of Chagall or Oistrach



Meanwhile proof has been delivered, that Prime Minister Winston Churchill was informed about the genocide. Why he stood by without interfering or informing the public while the massacre took place must be clarified in the name of humanity. Deportation from the Warsaw Ghetto to concentration camps in Treblinka, Ausschwitz and Maidanek. Members of the Golda Meir family? Ben Gurion? My



Today it is seen as a fact, that Churchill informed the American President Roosevelt about concentration camps, ghettos and the mass executions of the Jewish population in eastern Europe in order to consult him. The contents of these consultations should be made accessible to the public throughout the world.

Liquidation of a "Shtetel". Craftsmen that revived the "Shtetel" were murdered just as milkmen, tailors or butchers. The "Fiddler on the Roof" only has the dead to play to.

The culture and human existence of the biblical folk that brought forth Moses. David, Salomon, the Prophets. Mother Mary, Jesus, the Twelve Apostles, philosophers such as Spinoza, Majmonides, Mendelssohn, composers and virtuosos such as Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Bizet, Schönberg, Kalman, Gershwin, Rubinstein, Olstrach, Menuhin, Bernstein, Halfez, statesmen such as Disraeli, Ben Gurion, Golda Meir, Dajan, Rathenau, Nobel Prize winners such as Einstein, great thinkers such as Marx and Freud, artists such as Chagall and Modigliani, writers such a Feuchtwanger, Heine, Kafka, Celan, Roth, Janusz Korczak, wonderful humanists and many

others, were systematically, destroyed. A huge prison stretching across millions of kilometres in Europe — from the Kaukasus up to Norway, from Stalingrad to Saloniki — enclosed the Jewish people and ensured that these branded victims were helplessly left at the disposal of bloodhounds and executioners.

The allies passively watched on, while the most extensive genocide in the history of mankind took place on their doorstep. Stone hearted, egoistic, intolerant and without a spark of humane compassion! Even though the Christian belief has taken over the Old Testament



Hundreds of thousands were shot in the back of the neck. The lust for murder was effusive. Hitler and his followers activated the lowest instincts to keep the murder machinery running, forcing it onto human beings who were absolutely defenceless.

The radius of American and British bombers would have enabled them to bomb railway lines leading from the ghettos of Warsaw. Lodz and other cities to Treblinka, Majdanek or Ausschwitz, thus putting an end to, or at least reducing the mass murder. Who carries the responsibility for this "standstill agreement"? How many of my relatives died in the gas chambers because of it?



Within a short period of time over half a million inhabitants of the Warsaw ghetto lost their lives due to epidemics or by starving and freezing to death. The 60,000 that survived finally tried to fight down the Nazi murderers with the aim of not dying without having fought back, even though the chances of success were negligible. The "death march" after the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto.

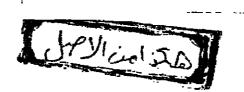


The concentration camp in Auschwitz wasn't bombed once, even though a thousand tons of bombs were dropped 8 kilometres away in numerous air raids. The targets of these attacks were however mostly refineries.

The prisoners prayed to God—
the same God the allies
believed in—that they might
be bombarded, as it was their
only hope to escape sure death.
But no bombardments took
place. Who gave the orders and
why? Definitely not to allow the
German "Reichsbank" to
intensify their transactions of
selling the wedding rings and
gold extracted from the teeth of
the dead victims to Switzerland.

and Bible from the Jewish people it ignored the commandments of humanity and charity in these infernal times! This irresponsible passivity allowed Hitler's gang of executioners to systematically exterminate half the population of a community as planned, whose belief in a God that they originated from, was taken over by the rest of the world.

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US state puts guilt back in divorce

MESSATI KIDAY JUNEDA

By Tunku Varadarajan

LOUISIANA'S legislators have voted to make theirs the most difficult state in America in which to get divorced, passing a Bill to introduce the concept of a "covenant marriage" tied to compulsory premarital

counselling.
The Bill, which awaits the approval of the state Governor, was approved by a 91-8 majority in the state House of Representa-tives, and by 28-9 in the

The prospective law provides for a revolutionary two-tier marriage system. allowing couples to choose between what might be described as "regular" or

"high-octane" unions. The first is the form that exists already, which allows couples to obtain the sort of no-fault divorce prevalent in most of the Western world. The second, covenant marriage, is designed to discourage easy divorce. The Bill's proponents, alarmed by America's soaring rate of marital breakdown, have assembled a package that is part roadblock and part sermon. If a couple opt to marry under covenant, they will forfeit the right to a no-fault divorce.

To undo a covenant marriage, a spouse would have to prove physical or sexual abuse, abandonment for a year, adultery, or "habitual intemper ance, excesses, cruel treatment or outrages".

Although counselling will be obligatory, there is no provision for "passing" or "failing". Couples will make their own decision. based on an understanding of the implications.

Protesters dispersed by police in Beijing

BEUING police yesterday drove more than 200 angry protesters from the walls of the leaders' compound in the Forbidden City, ending the first mass protest in China's capital since the Tiananmen crackdown in June 1989.

The Zhongnanhai, as the compound is known, is a haven of gardens, trees and ornamental ponds where Mao once lived, a few minutes from Tiananmen Square in the heart of Peking. It is the most politically sensitive place in the country in the run-up to the transfer of Hong Kong's sovereignty on July 1.

Yesterday's protest, by mid-dle-aged and elderly Peking residents who tried to force their way into the Zhongnanhai, arose from a housing dispute. All were employees of the Guanghua Wood Materials Factory and claimed that the factory had promised them new flats - to replace other accommodation which they had left voluntarily three years ago - but had instead sold the flats to private buyers. The protesters were sur-

rounded by police before being frog-marched onto a bus. Some managed to leave the scene before being detained. They protested that they had committed no crime. At the heart of the dispute is

the Ministry of State Security which is involved with the developer who built the new flats. The ministry is widely suspected of corruption and is reported by security officials here to be attempting to penetrate the Department of Customs and Excise in order that

and strategic chemicals can be exported without inspection through Hong Kong to countries like Iran.

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There is a Chinese tradition of petitioning for justice out-side the residences of senior officials. At the beginning of the Tiananmen demonstrations, some students knelt and bowed on the steps of the Great Hall of the People, which flanks one side of Tiananmen Square, and demanded that officials come out and accept a petition calling for freedom of the press and speech and an end to corruption.

Other students pressed up against the yellow gates of the Zhongnanhai, shouting simi-lar demands, until police and army guards beat them back.

Such demonstrations soon escalated into the mass protests in Tiananmen Square and almost 100 other cities, with protesters calling on Deng Xiaoping and other leaders to step down and demanding an end to Commu-

In Peking last night, Professor Ding Žīlin of the People's University, whose son was shot dead in Tiananmen, said that in the run-up to the Hong Kong handover, the police team that keeps her under surveillance had been strengthened and that it was almost impossible for her family to leave the campus.

Professor Ding has drawn up a list of almost 100 students who were killed and is demanding that the Government say how many others died.



A mother and child struggle to cross a Tokyo road as Typhoon Opal struck central Japan yesterday with winds of almost 70mph. A fisherman, 60, drowned, schools closed and 100 domestic flights were cancelled

Americans near deal to reduce nicotine

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE American tobacco indus try, nearing an agreement expected to cost companies more than \$350 billion (£212 billion), has agreed that the US Government can insist on the gradual removal of nicotine from cigarentes.

After long negotiations in Washington, talks between state attorneys-general, indus-try lawyers and others appeared to be reaching some conclusion last night as negotiators tried to resolve the final points of a comprehensive settlement to dozens of anti-

tobacco legal actions.

The deal will govern regulations for the industry for the next quarter century. Negotiators were said to have reached an agreement on concepts, but were still hammering out the specific details of the agree-ment, which was unlikely to be announced before the close of Wall Street last night to avoid further turmoil in the financial markets.

The apparent acceptance by tobacco company lawyers that the Food and Drug Administration could force the removal of nicotine was seen as a key change. The proposal calls for a gradual reduction in nicotine levels but no complete ban until 2009, allowing companies time to find a nonaddictive alternative.

Among the final hurdles being cleared yesterday was the extent of the apology to be made by the industry.

New claim of Pol Pot capture

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

POL POT, the clusive leader of the Khmer Rouge, has been captured, a rebel group of the secretive guerrillas who brought the killing fields to Cambodia claimed last night in a broadcast from its clandestine radio station. Earlier

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Minister in the Government, said that dissident Khmer Rouge guerrillas who had broken with Pol Pot had discovered his hiding place and were moving in to try to take.him alive.

Pol Pot was said to have only 15 men with him in the forests of northern Cambodia near the Thai frontier. Earlier in the week. Khmer

Rouge radio had said that Pol Pot had surrendered. However, Prince Ranariddh said resterday that the man who ruled the country from 1975 to early 1979, when a million Cambodians died in the killing fields, had placed conditions on his surrender which

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in the day, Prince Norodom had proved unacceptable. Ranariddh, the First Co-Prime There was no independent confirmation of the latest surrender reports, or even that Pol Pot was alive.

> Cambodia's Second Co-Prime Minister, Hun Sen, a rival of Prince Renariddh, said that it was all "a political game". Some of Hun Sen's supporters said that they did not expect to see Pol Pot taken

Prince Ranariddh added that Khmer Rouge forces who turned against Pol Pot and wanted to negotiate with the Government had found his forest hideout and were preparing a final assault. He said the pursuit was continuing cautiously because the rebels wanted to take Pol Pot alive.

Attracting major companies is one way to test

But the ultimate compliment is when a company is so impressed it increases its investment there.

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"There is a sense of energy and 'can-do' mentality in our workforce which mirrors our own philosophy."

So what's so special about Merseyside? The grants at local, national and European Union levels? Not one but three Training and Enterprise Councils? The number of good sites? One of the most sophisticated telecommunications systems in Europe? The co-operation between new and existing investors to pool their knowledge of the region?

Well, yes, yes, yes, yes and yes.

But there's something on Merseyside only Merseyside can ever have - one and a half million Merseysiders. As existing investors like Bardays, Ford, QVC and General Motors have discovered, the people here have adaptability and enthusiasm running in their veins. They've taken to training and retraining with a

vengeance. Contributing to productivity levels that are

12% higher than the national average. "New working practices have been implemented quickly and efficiently."

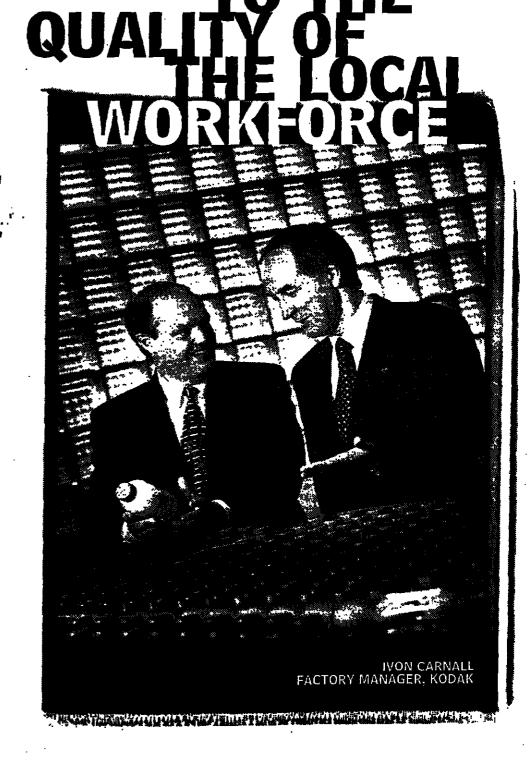
And the workforce at Kodak? They've an enviable reputation for meeting quality standards and adopting new management systems.

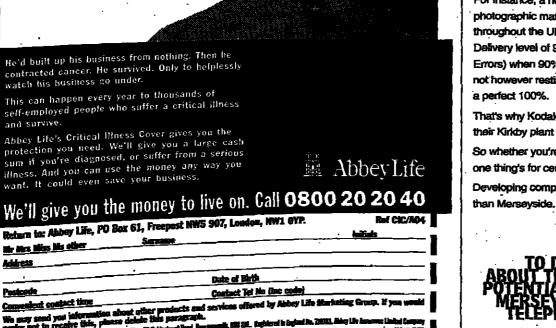
For instance, a new business development of supplying photographic materials to hundreds of mini-labs throughout the UK has already achieved a Perfect Delivery level of 98% OTIFNE (On Time, in Full, No Errors) when 90% is regarded as excellent. They are not however resting on their laurels as they strive for a perfect 100%.

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Trade figures take gloss off Clinton deal with Japan

IN DENVER

TENSION between the United States and Japan over trade will be a central theme in today's economic talks, one of the most critical sessions of the Denver summit of the world's leading industrial nations. despite President Clinton's lastminute success in winning concessions on opening up Japanese markets.

Mr Clinton, confronted on the eve of the summit with worsening US trade figures, is wrestling with his foreign counterparts to lower barriers to American goods, and at the same time battling with protectionist factions in Congress who are pressing him to throw up new blocks on imports.

The President has made the promotion of trade one of the main themes of his second term. In his first, he pushed through the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) with Mexico and Canada, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a dismantling of international trade barriers. These may come to

But the Denver tension shows the perils of the White House strategy. Mr Clinton has argued that it is damaging

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deficits --- exports worth less than imports. Many economists dispute this, arguing that it can be helpful. But as a result, when trade figures worsen, Mr Clinton is forced on to the defensive in the battle to persuade Congress that trade liberalisation is desirable. Figures on Wednesday disclosed that America's overall foreign trade deficit rose

6 Who could argue that our effort to open markets with trade accords is ill advised? 9

sharply in April to \$8.4 billion (£5.1 billion) in April from \$7.8 billion in March.

The US deficit with Japan in April was \$4.8 billion, the highest monthly total since October, and the highest deficit with any country, although China was not far behind. Tensions with Japan over

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nese recovery, which has been fuelled by the yen's weakness. Exports have soared, infuriating Tokyo's trading partners, while Japanese consumers have proved loath to change cautious spending habits.

"I wish they weren't so high." President Clinton said sky, the US Trade Representanew pact with Japan to open telecommunications, medical equipment and other key mar-

out at 4am on Thursday and agreed by both leaders within hours of arrival, the United States will be allowed to monitor Japanese efforts to open up and deregulate its economy. However, Japanese officials in Denver bridled at the suggestion that they would accept the offer of US advice.

America did not give way to Japan's demand for reciprocal access. Mr Clinton argued that US markets were already the most open in the world, and that in any case it was the Japanese who were enjoying a trade surplus.

The deal will help Mr Clinton's battle this summer

in Denver when told of the figures. But Charlene Barsheftive, said that the release of the figures helped to clinch a kets to foreign competition. Under the deal, thrashed

> Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, in Denver with his wife, Kumiko, for the summit of the leading industralised nations Democrats with links to trade unions, who are worried about loss of jobs, and protectionist Republicans have united to challenge him on this summer's key trade debates: whether Nafta should be extended, and whether trading

> > be renewed.

relations with China should

to his Washington opponents, attacking those who presented a "false choice between protectionism. on the one hand, and unlimited free trade opening our markets with nothing in

return on the other". He added: "We have the lowest unemployment rate in 24 years. Who could seriously ments - the largest number in any period in American hist-— is ill advised?™ In particular, he said, "in the 20 areas where we have specific trade agreements with Japan. American exports have increased over 85 per cent in the last four years." The President added: "Protectionism is simply not an option because

US calls on partners to back free-market crusade in Africa

FROM MICHAEL BINYON

PRESIDENT CLINTON has called on his summit partners to back a new American initiative to help Africa to overcome its economic and political difficulties by promoting trade and investment.

His proposals, though welcomed by Canada and several other world leaders, are likely to stir considerable resentment in France, however, where the Government is still smarting at its comprehensive humiliation over Zaire. The French are intensely suspicious of any Anglo-American initiatives in Africa that might appear to undermine their influence in the region.

Launching a more activist foreign policy, a traditional interest for second-term presidents, Mr Clinton wants to extend free-market principles to Africa, which he sees as the last continent where privatisation, competition and free trade have yet to bring

The House of Representatives is currently considering legislation with the hopeful name The Africa Growth and Opportunity Act. It would create investment funds for Africa and develop a free-trade agreement with the region. The State Department says the aim is to encourage African leaders to make political and economic reforms and to use trade, rather than

aid, to reduce African debt

and poverty.

Aid organisations and several Western allies are sceptical. They see the initiative as opportunistic, building on American backing for Laurent Kabila in Zaire, renamed Congo, and other Englishspeaking African leaders who have embraced market eco-

nomics. Washington is also eager to cut its aid budget. From 1990 to 1995 the US spent \$13.8 billion trying to help sub-Saharan Africa. mostly with food aid, but only \$517 million went toward

developing the private sector.
"Sub-Saharan Africa is still a largely untapped market of 600-700 million people," Lawrence Summers, deputy Treasury Secretary, told Congress

in April Christian Aid doubted whether cutting trade tariffs would make much difference. and said the pressing problem relief. It said had and unpayable debts by the highly indebted countries should be

cancelled by 2000. Mr Clinton is also calling for support from the European states in other areas where he wants to demonstrate American leadership. including closer co-operation? on the perennial issues of drugs, terrorism and money. laundering.



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Blair wants world to warn China on Hong Kong rights

POLITICAL EDITOR IN DENVER

TOTY BLAIR last night called on sorld leaders to send a clear message to China that the lights of the people of How Kong must be protected afterthe handover to Beijing at the end of the month.

The Prime Minister has mad the future of Hong Kong one (the priorities at his first apparance on the global stag. After arriving in Denver ist night for the Summit of the Eight, Mr Blair went straint into separate meetingswith Jean Chrétien, the Candian Prime Minister, andRyutaro Hashimoto, his Japanese counterpart, in while he urged both to supporthe demands of Britain on Chia to respect the traditions and rights of the people of Hog Kong. He will raise the

issu again in his first speech

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to the summit today. Mr Blair is to use the summit to push forward the agenda on job creation which he and President Clinton put at the heart of a new Anglo-American partnership when they met three

In his speech today, Mr Blair will say that while effective regulation can provide a framework for employee rights and security, excessive protection could exclude from getting jobs young people, those returning from a break and the long-term un-employed. He will say: "We should all ask ourselves whether our regulations help or hinder those out of work."

Mr Blair will urge that a full action programme on jobs be agreed by next year's "G8" summit in Birmingham. He will tell fellow leaders that the

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in January must start coming up with conclusions As he flew to Denver, Mr

Blair's officials said that he had a list of priorities for the summit. These were winning support for Britain's job creation ideas, improved supervision of international markets to combat financial fraud, a demand for a clear lead from the summit for action on environmental issues such as climate change, forests and the oceans, and support for the British agenda on human rights, democracy and good government and new measures to tackle corruption and

bribery.
At his two meetings with President Clinton today, Mr Blair will discuss jobs and Northern Ireland.

It will not all be serious negotiation at the summit. The Prime Minister and his wife, Cherie, are to attend a cowboy party in the old cattle stockyards in Denver tonight, where the leaders are expected to don cowboy dress.

☐ Clinton warning: Mr Clinton used his arrival in Denver to call for maintaining "normal trade relations with China", adding that there was no reason to curb trade with a country "just because we disagree with it" (Bronwen Maddox writes).

He added: "We should push our ideas forward, but we should not imperil 170,000 American jobs today and a big chunk of America's future not just our economic future, but our ability to work with the largest country in the world. We don't do it to other countries with which we disagree; we should not do it with

the controversy in Congress over whether to renew China's 'most favoured nation" status, which grants it the same rights as most of the United States's trading partners. The vote has been a formality in previous years.



President Yeltsin arrives in Denver, the city made rich by the Cold War. It is the Russian leader's first 'G8' meeting

Security tight in mile-high fortress

🕇 be signs in Russian and other languages draped along the central pedestrian shopping street and at the gleaming new tram stops say "Wel-come". The Russian leader is the main curiosity for this Rocky Mountain fortress. For Boris Yeltsin is attending his first full "Summit of Eight" in the city that grew rich on the

Cold War. Denver made the missiles and hi-tech weapons systems that were targeted at Moscow. The end of the Cold War swept all that away. Mr Yeltsin is here, with other leaders, to see how jobs can be created from the fruits of

His remarks will inflame There is still a fortress feeling about this city nestling a mile high beneath the jagged skyline of the snowcovered mountains. The summit has swept into town barely a week after the Timothy McVeigh verdict, leaving DENVER NOTEBOOK America has taken security

security forces little time to rest. Roads have been closed, very seriously. a steel fence rings the Central Library where the G8 leaders are meeting, and secret servicemen are directing anyone away from anywhere if a

leader might appear. Army officials arrived last month to train 1,000 local police how to respond to attack, with classes in identifying chemical and biological plutonium is stored. agents and how to decontaminate and transport victims. A battalion of troops is on standby. Security costs are put

at \$2 million (EL2 million). It might all seem a bit farfetched, às unfamiliar foreign ministers and anonymous Brussels officials are installed in hotels spruced up with designer-made leather sofas and Navajo rugs to give them an authentic Western feel. But

glides through the central area. Free buses shuttle up and down car-free shopping streets. President Clinton has re-

The FBI has been keeping warded Denver with the an eye on Denver for some summit - and invaluable publicity - because Colorado time, nervous that the McVeigh trial might stir fardid more than any state except right militias into action. One Arizona to boost export earngroup is reported to have ings (up 115 per cent) and begun recruiting among secbecause Governor Roy Romer urity guards at a former is a valuable political ally. nuclear weapons plant in the The President has also let suburbs, where 14 tonnes of

American sponsors do most of the city's promotion, with almost all the expensive ar-Torld leaders, arrivrangements and press facilities provided as part of ing from the multimillion-dollar new corporate advertising. As a airport 25 miles out on the result, the summit is costing plains, will barely see Denver, only \$20 million — less than a city that is booming again half last year's more lavish thanks to airlines, digital comaffair at Lyons (\$48m). munications and hi technol-Businesses estimate that

they will make \$13.8 million in earnings from the 8,000 dele-

MICHAEL BINYON

Kohl sets out his vision for **Europe**

By MICHAEL BINTON

EUROPE needs a common currency as a necessary and logical completion of the single market. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, said yesterday.

"We also need it to strengthen Europe's ability to meet global challenges - and, not least, to give Europe appropri-ate weight in the international monetary system." he said.

Addressing the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations hours before arriving here for the start of the Denver summit. Herr Kohl reiterated his insistence that there must be no fudging of the Maastricht criteria or weakening of the euro's strength. The common currency must be stable, he said. The stability pact and

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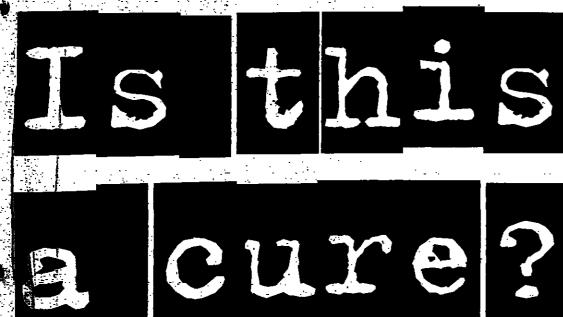
the time-frame of the Maastricht treaty are not negotiable .. The decision on which countries will qualify for monetary union will then follow in the spring of 1998." Herr Kohl told his Ameri-

can audience that economic and monetary union was also, essentially, a political project. "It binds the European Union more closely in a common destiny. The process of European unification thus gains greater dynamism. EU enlargement will strengthen this dynamism even further."

The Chancellor's remarks displayed his evident satisfaction that the new French Socialist Government was unable to make any significant modification to the EMU timetable and criteria at the Amsterdam summit.

He also underlined his insistence on a common European foreign and security policy. "My goal is that one day Europe will be able to speak with one voice and realise its interests through common foreign policies ... The construction of the European house - with a permanent right of abode for our American friends - is the key for Europe's future success.







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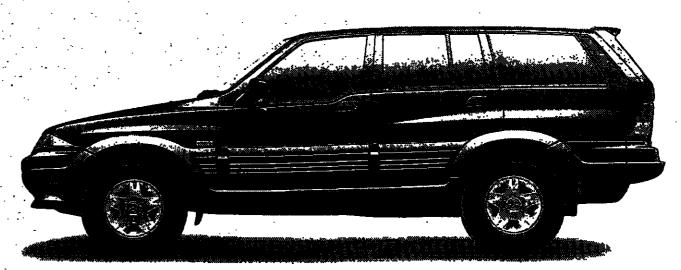
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IN PARIS

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nography scandals has sept away the illusion that scual

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For a nation that thought it was at ease with its sexulity,

the revelations have been dramatic and distresing.

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in some of France's host

Alain Honoré, the gerral

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Work, said yesterday: Dur country was not ready fo all

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Swiss bank account links Karadzic to \$60m weapons deal

FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEVO

SWISS and Italian detectives have uncovered a bank account they claim was used by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb warlord, in an attempt to smuggle some of the world's most deadly military hardware into his breakaway

There is growing evidence to show that in the spring of 1995, as the Bosnian war turned against the Serbs, Dr Karadzic made a final desperate gamble to tip the military balance in his favour. He took a loan of \$60 million (£36.5 million) from a Liberian cover company, secured against the Bosnian Serbs' one oil refinery at Brod, south of the Sava river. Investigators say the money was intended to buy Russian-made Smerch rockbombs that would have overwhelmed Bosnian Muslims.

The enemy is getting new technology, but we are in the process of getting a sophisticated weapon," Dr Karadzic told Bosnian Serb leaders in March 1995. Investigators are trying to fathom an intricate web of evidence that links the Brod refinery contract to Serb, Russian and Italian arms dealers, through a Liechtenstein-based financial services company, and on to Dr Karadzic's account - No 3093/230/-102 - with Banco de Gottardo in Lugano, Switzerland.

Whether the hardware



available on the open market.

to devastating affect by the Americans to clear minefields

in the Gulf War in 1991.

Normally dropped by air-

craft, the bombs disperse fuel

vapour which spreads slowly

over the target area before

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The combination of vapour

Mr Lennox said the idea

was to let the vapour settle

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vapour, and wind conditions

can play a big part in getting it

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could also be launched from

ground-to-ground rockets, he

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The fuel-air bomb was used

Fuel-air bomb packs deadly firepower

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE weapons shopping list tems which are also readily Karadzic would have added enormous firepower to the Bosnian Serb inventory.

The Smerch weapon is a Soviet-made ground-toground rocket with a range of more than 40 miles which has to be launched from an eightwheeled transporter. The solid fuel-propelled system can be fired in salvoes of 14 rockets, each with a 660 lb explosive warhead.

The Smerch - Russian for tornado - is available on the arms market. North Korea and China have produced their own version of the

Although Duncan Lennox, a weapons expert with the Jane's publications, was not aware of the "Vacuum" fuelair bomb, the Russians do have their own fuel-air sys-

us that we should agree to the contract, that it was in the highest interest of Republika Srpska," the paper quotes one source. "It was to buy the best weapons for the war. But now nobody knows who owns us."

> ly, has been informed by Świss Justice Ministry investigators in Berne that Dr Karadzic was to receive a 1 per cent payoff from the arms deal valued at £214,000. The Swiss team is working with investi-gators in Torre Annunziata, near Naples, who are prosecuting two arms dealers, an Italian named Lorenzo Mazzega and the Liberian representative who signed the Brod refinery contract with the Serbs, Nicholas Alexander Oman. The Italian inquiry comes after raids on houses around Torre Annunziata.

reached Republika Srpska is

doubtful, given that two arms

dealers known to work for the

Serbs were killed in Moscow

Of more immediate impor-

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Republika Srpska is the own-

Management sources in Brod

have admitted their uncertain-

ty to a local newspaper,

Alternativa. "Dr Karadzic

called us a few times. He told

Facts, a Zurich-based week-

ership of its single oil refinery.

Journalists with Alternativa said they found the contract among a pile of papers in a former courthouse in Sokolac, a border village which the Bosnian Serbs are trying to transform into "the new Sarajevo". While Mr Oman signed the contract on behalf of a Liberian company called Orbal Marketing Services, the Serbs' signatory was Branko Petric, who at the time was a local judge. Mr Petric is now the Republika Srpska's Minister of Justice in Pale. Last night, he refused to talk about the contract. The investigation promises to yield further evidence against Dr Karadzic. proving his pivotal role in the war. Carl Bildt, the outgoing High Representative for Bosnia, has said that the pressure to arrest the most wanted suspected war criminal for the tribunal in The Hague is

Child sex scandal pollutes wine town

FROM SUSAN BELL IN MÅCON

WITH new tales of horror emerging this week in France's child pornography scandal, the sleepy Burgundy town of Macon appears an unlikely setting for the organisation of the country's largest round-up of suspected paedophiles.

Suddenly this provincial town on the banks of the River Saône, better known for Beaujolais, has found itself at the centre of a huge investigation into a network supplying child pornography.

Jean-Louis Coste, the town's

public prosecutor, and Christine Parguel, the local investigating magistrate, masterminded this week's series of dawn raids which resulted in the arrest of more than 600 suspects, of whom 208 men and one woman have been placed under formal investigation by the authorities.

During the operation. codenamed Ado 71 after the French word for teenager and the car registration number of the Macon region, police seized thousands of child pornography videos. One man in Toulon was found to be in possession of 620 videos. Seven rapes involving children, aged six to 14 and 29 cases of sexual abuse were also

M Coste said yesterday that he had been shocked by the material seized by police. "The videos mostly involved boys aged 12. 13 and 14, although some children may be younger. One shows two boys of 12 and 14 with a dog," he said. "It is too early to tell if there

were any British citizens among those arrested. All I can say is that all of them have



Bernard Alapetite, accused of distributing child pornography, leaving court

a domicile in France." Mâcon became the focus of the child. pomography crackdown after police discovered 20 videos and paedophile magazines in the home of a teacher in the nearby town of Cluny in April last year. The material seized from the teacher's home enabled Macon investigators to launch their own inquiry which eventually led them to Platypus, a Paris-based video publishing company. Alapetite, is allegedly behind

its distribution of child por-

nography throughout France. He is believed to have bought the original videos in Spain or Eastern Europe and made multiple copies which he sold for Fr800 (£83) each.

At his offices, police found a mailing list of more than 1,000 names which provided the target for this week's raids. Among those on the list were 31 teachers, the principal of a school in Besancon. a paediatrician, two directors of children's holiday camps and

paedophile, was arrested on November.

two priests.

M. Alapetite, a convicted

He faces a maximum of seven years in jail and a Fr700,000 fine if convicted. The case is not expected to come to trial for at least a year because of the scale of the

Tuesday at his flat in the wealthy resort of la Baule in Brittany and was charged on Thursday. The former engineer and former tennis champion had been released by police in January due to a lack of evidence after his arrest in

M Honoré said the Freich nuarded their privacy wil a etermination that mad it European hub of paedophile networks difficult to uncover cild abuse and child pornogramy. "In the US, for instance, bu go to see a psychialist because you need help.In France, if you see a psychatrist, it is because you

> If affairs were now staring to come to light, it as because of publicity giver to

raids this week were produced and bought in Poland. This

MOST of the pornographic video cassettes seized in the ties in with reports from Interpol and Unicef that Central and Eastern Europe are becoming the new focus of

FROM ROGER BOYES

IN BONN

paedophile networks. Polish authorities have been monitoring paedophile activity in the port of Szczecin and in other towns in western Poland. Germany's sex tourists are regarded as the most active in Europe - 400,000 Germans fly every year to the Third World for sex, according to Justice Ministry officials, who say at least 5,000 of them want sexual contact with children under 13.

Pornographic film-makers ing house for paedophile net-

"borrow" children from orphanages or lure them away. Drugged, beaten or unaware of what is happening, these children are filmed for 24 hours. Provided they hold the child for only a short time and free him or her in a different part of town, such film-makers can go undercover before. the police close in.

The Netherlands is a clear-

works. The biggest customers are in Germany and France, with an estimated 50,000 regular customers for child pornography in Germany alone. Police watch seized videos for distinctive tattoos or furni-

ture which could give clues to the film-maker. Customs officials watch for certain kinds of video cameras, but the business is unlikely to dry up: the demand is too strong.

scandals in other countrieshe said. "That opened people's eves and they started to winder whether that sort of thing might not be going on her

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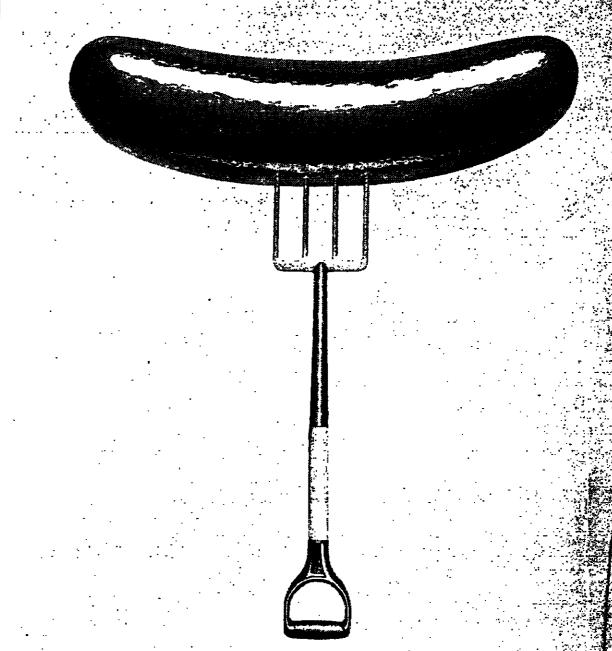
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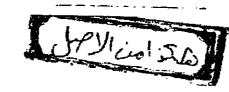
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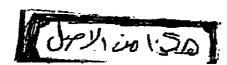
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Abuse of Somalis by Italian peacekeeping force threatens to tarnish glowing record of top soldier

Modern hero under fire

TALY'S current bout of angst over the behaviour of its Sonalia troops four years ago is threatening to tarnish the reputation of a modern hero: General Bruno Loi, the tall and athletic paratrooper who led the Italian contingent in

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themultinational operation. Ceneral Loi, 56, features as much in Italian women's magazines as in the news pages. In a country short of motern heroes, his imposing figure and air of command male him a natural role mocel. Few seem willing to believe that he knew about, much less condoned, the alleged torture of Somali civilians during Resore Hope". "Operation

The Government has set up a commission of inquiry after Patorama magazine published graphic photographs aprearing to show troops fron the general's crack Folsore ("Lightning") regiment attaching electrodes to mae prisoners and sexually abising Somali women. Gen-

ITALYS tangled relationship with Africa can be traced to the Mussolini era, when the

Facist dictator colonised Somalia, Libya and

ROME FILE by RICHARD **OWEN**

eral Loi said he was "rabid with anger" over "these obscene photographs which prove nothing . I always gave precise instructions to our troops not to act like an army of occupation." Italian paras, he said, were "fine boys, the finest in all Italy".

Nonetheless the general has resigned, -- or "suspended himself" - together with General Carmine Fiore, who succeeded him in Somalia at the end of 1993. La Stampa described them as "military gentlemen of the old school but feared the scandal would bring them down "because of a group of lours in uniform".

General Loi seems unwill-

ing to concede that some of his

"fine boys", bored in the heat of Africa, might have departed from his strict code and turned to "Ramboism". Born into a military family from Sardinia, he rises at six and runs for an hour. "He was always a touch

vain and arrogant," recalled one fellow officer this week. Bruno knew he was the best." A lover of French wines - he studied at the Ecole de Guerre in Paris — the general is always dressed immaculately, with a scarf at his neciin a conscious imitation of Field Marshal Montgomery.

A committed Catholic, he displays a fine tenor voice at Mass on Sundays. "He even Monumental task poses problem

pieces from the holy city of Axum by Italian troops in the 1930s and re-erected in 1937

outside the Ministry of Colonial Africa near

Genral Loi's integrity and ability meant he stood out as

wife, Raffaele.

a rising young officer during the 1982 multinational intervention in Lebanon. A natural choice to head the delicate Somali operation a decade later, he afterwards took charge of the military academy at Modena, from which he had graduated in 1964, with the job of "shaping the Italian army of the future".

That task has been overshadowed by the revelations about the conduct of Italian peacekeeping troops - hitherto thought of as easygoing and benign — in both Somalia and Mozambique. General Loi's admirers

hope he will come through unscathed. But, ominously, officials recall an episode last year when a Modena Academy cadet committed suicide. General Loi's observation that "there is no room in the army for young men strug-gling with their conscience" was seen as insensitive and brought calls in Parliament for an explanation

Beniamino Andreatta, the Defence Minster, defended him. "But he might not do so again." one official said. "especially if he needs a scapegoat for Somalia." general said that his Christian faith was keeping him buoyant - "rather as a parachute keeps you floating serenely down to the ground".



General Bruno Loi arriving in Mogadishu in 1992 at the head of an Italian peace force

Screen icons take to the streets

WHEN Rome needs big names to bestow on new piazzas and streets, it looks to the cinema. There is already a Piazza Federico Fellini and there are plans for streets to be named in honour of Marcello Mastroianni, the great star of Fellini's films, and Massimo Troisi, the star of II Postino. Both actors died last

But Rome city council is running out of Italian stars and turning to world cinema
— in particular the classics of silent comedy, including Charlie Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy.

There may eventually be a Via Rowan Atkinson, or Piazza Mr Bean. The British actor's (largely) silent comic creation has just been intro-duced to Italian television audiences and is an instant hit, with critics comparing Atkinson to the much loved Neapolitan master of rubbery features and deadpan

comedy. Toto.

La Repubblica praised Mr Bean as "an irresistible cocktail of malevolence and ingenuity", and explained that the show had come late to Italy because Atkinson regularly takes his holidays in Sardinia and had not wanted

Etziopia as part of plans to recreate the Rome's Circus Maximus. The Ethiopians have repeatedly asked for it back, and last year Italy agreed - in principle. But technical experts said disman-This week another colonial legacy returned to haunt Italy when experts advised Walter Vetroni, the left-wing Culture Minister and tling the monument would "risk irreparable deputy Prime Minister, that the Axum obelisk fractures". To Ethiopian ears that sounds like in Rome was "too fragile" to be returned to an excuse. Addis Abbaba is demanding the right to send its own "experts" to Rome. Ethiopia. The obelisk was removed in several



González quits as party chief

Madrid: Felipe González, Spain's former Prime Minister, stunned his Spanish Socialist Workers' Party yesterday by declaring that he was standing down as its Secretary-General after 23, years (Giles Tremlett writes).

His announcement threw the party conference, which opened here yesterday, into chaos. A new leader will be chosen tomorrow. No challenge had been expected

to Señor González, 55, who was Prime Minister from 1982 to 1996. Speculation on a possible successor has turned to Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, who is supervising a reorganisation of the military alliance and will not be available before that is completed next month.

German company used Jews' gold

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

DEGUSSA, one of Germany's oldest and most respected companies, yesterday admitted it had probably been involved in melting down gold taken from Jewish concentration camp victims.

The statement by the Frankfurtbased precious metals company will stir further controversy over the wartime German and Swiss economies. Earlier this week, a BBC investigation accused Switzerland of melting gold teeth and other valuables seized from Jews by the Nazis. The gold's high mercury content

was typical of pre-war tooth fillings. Degussa, under international pressure to acknowledge its part in the affair, has now promised to open up its archives. An academic researcher from Cologne University will, it says, shed independent light on Degussa's wartime history.

The World Jewish Congress will also be given access to documents that catalogue the price and quantities of gold and silver received for smelting from the Nazi regime. These papers do not show the metals' origin — an omission that has always let Degussa claim a

However, a spokesman said yesterday that company papers in Berlin indicated gold and silver, apparently taken from Jews, were handled by Degussa. Other US military reports, compiled in 1945. were more specific, saying that gold was delivered by the SS and was

clean record.

mainly taken from Jews in the camps.
All valuables taken from camp

victims were eventually sent to the monetary deposit section, and then on to Berlin. It seems likely, therefore, that the SS dealt directly with Degussa: the plunder was seen as part of the SS's independent wealth. Degussa's decision to come clean

follows frank company histories by Daimler and Volkswagen, both of which now admit using slave labourers. The Allianz insurance company has also recognised that it might have profited from unredeemed life insurance policies. It has recently set up a telephone line to answer queries from relatives of murdered Jews.



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consider an elaborate conceit. The figurehead represented the heart and soul of the ship and its company. It might be a beautiful woman, a fearless warrior, a petrifying monster, or a crude representation of the likes of Horatio Nelson or

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yacht-owning gentry. By day 26-year-old Abigail

she is in her basement studio in Croydon, honing a burgeoning career as one of Britain's tiny band of figurehead carvers. Wright has been commissioned by Taylor Woodrow Property, and from today she and her figurehead will be on display in St Katharine's Dock by Tower Bridge, while she puts the

the nearby Taylor Woodrow building.

demand for figureheads which has nothing to do with striking terror into maritime foes. "Yacht owners pay huge amounts to have a handcarved figurehead adorning their saloons rather than their prows. Often they are portraits, but because of the carving techniques they are nothing like any other kind of portrait

Her Taylor Woodrow piece, Claire Louise, is a closely observed portrait of Claire Dyer, a former naval officer and now an IT management consultant whom Wright chose as her model when

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carving it looked, well, pretty dreadful," says Dyer, "but I've been able to watch it come to life and it's a very good portrait now. I'm thrilled." Wright began carving as a child in Cornwall. Her teacher

Taylor Woodrow gave her

"When I saw Abby's first

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and mentor was Charles Moore, who made the figurehead of Britannia for the saloon of the QE2 and had carved more than 100 by the time of his death last year.

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head ostensibly has to adorn a vessel whose balance must be perfect, the wood must weigh as little as possible. Canadian yellow pine became popular in the 19th century, and more recently Malaysian jelutong, because it is light and soft to carve. The piece is not made from a single lump but from planks laminated togeth-

er to avoid the risk of knots. The carving will take about six months, and the finished portrait then gets several layers of undercoat, then gloss

paint and gilding. After its showing in Taylor-Woodrow's building, Claire Louise will be for sale, with a percentage going to the Lord Mayor's charity, the Cancer Research Campaign. But potential buyers will not be told that the model for the figure head had to leave the Royal Navy because of an incurable affliction: Claire Dyer, daughter of a naval officer, discovered on board the assault ship HMS Fearless in the Mediterranean that she suffers from

chronic sea-sickness.



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less extravagance and banned them, although merchant ship owners continued to commission them. Nearly a hundred years

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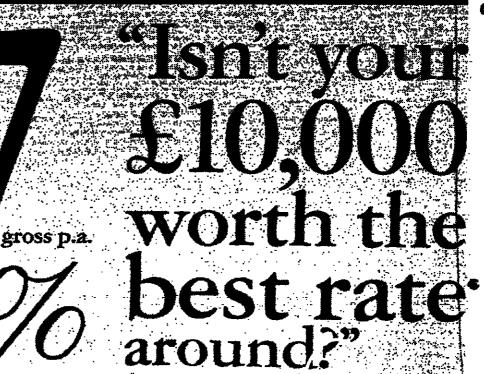
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David Hare's new play, Amy's View, is a strong, rich dissection of modern England



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... with a magnificent performance from Dame Judi Dench in the central role

There are many buildings in London that I detest for their soul-crushing ugliness. But I don't think I have ever involved; and there are also excit-

hated a building that doesn't yet exist quite as much as I hate the proposed Millennium Dome. 1 always thought one of the cardinal rules of architecture was that form follows function. In this case, however, we appear to be commissioning a gargantuan PVC sauce-pan lid on an inaccessible peninsula in south London without the foggiest notion of what is to go inside it.

The whole planning of the Millennium Exhibition has been cloaked in farcical, self-important secrecy. You would think that Imagination — the hilariously named company paid to devise the exhibition "concept" - were designing a weapons system that was vital to the defence of the realm. not a glorified street party. Some of the shadowy consultants involved are said to dream of holograms and virtual reality trips. Others apparently envisage laser shows that will induce strong men to weep tears of joy. BasketShowbiz can save the dome of doom

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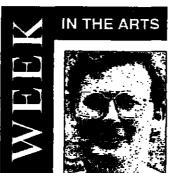
charmed circle knows for sure. On Thursday, Tony Blair approved a £580 million budget to buy this bag of half-baked whims. The next time that he witters on about "education education education", do remind him that £580 million would pay the salaries of

5.000 extra teachers for five years. Well, all Prime Ministers are entitled to one mad grand project. Now Mr Blair, clearly underwhelmed by the plans he has seen so far, has called for "ideas merchants and creative forces" to step forward with brilliant new wheezes to make the dome of doom more exciting. Oh dear, I can feel a committee chaired by David Puttnam coming on.

Still, the blunt fact is that we are now lumbered with the millennium iamboree - so how do we make the best of it? I am no "ideas merchant", but it seems to me that all the faffing around of the past two years has been caused by a fundamental confusion about what the millennium is actually supposed to celebrate.

Obviously, it could be seen as a purely religious occasion: the 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth. But in a multi-faith country with a strong secular bias, that is felt to be divisive. So we are left with the wishy-washy concept of a show "about Time". And this is where the contradictions begin.

The vaguely eggheaded Millen-nium Commissioners appear to want a kind of glorified Science Museum, with lots of worthy audio-visual thingies about the internal combustion engine. But Mr Blair has introduced the "Euan factor": he wants a show that will thrill his I3-year-old son. I haven't had the honour of meeting young Master Blair, but I do occasionally exchange breakfast grunts with my own 13-year-old boy, and I sense that we are



RICHARD MORRISON

talking here about ghastly, nausea-compelling white-knuckle rides, not the "strong emphasis on interactive education" favoured by the puritanical David Blunkett.

Then there are the commercial sponsors whose millions are desperately needed, and who will undoubtedly press for a dreary forget the cosy nostalgists, who want it all to be just like the dear old Festival of Britain; or the mega-nostalgists who somehow think that the glorious Victorian certainties of the 1851 Great Exhibition can be recreated; or the heritage fuddy-duddies, who want the dome to offer some sort of "Merrie Englande Through Ye Ages" experience.

Of course, the Greenwich show can and should accommodate many different sorts of attractions. But it must have an overriding message strong enough to attract millions. The very name "Millennium Exhibition" must send a thrill of expectation through young and old, rich and poor, northerner and southerner.

That won't happen unless the organisers play their only trump card: size. They won't attract families from Scotland or Somerset to an exhibition that is nothing but a conglomeration of small

interactive games - that could as easily be sampled in their local museums, amusement arcades, or even via their home computers.

hat the new Dome must offer is communal entertainment on a vast scale. That is its only unique sellingpoint. And that means using the full extent of the Dome for huge, spectacular shows, not chopping it up into little segments. We are talking here about pop festivals that last for days and use ten stages; about Kasparov taking on a thousand chess opponents simultaneously; about mass-entertainment concepts such as Gladiators being beefed up for audiences of 100,000 at a time; about amazing sporting and showbiz events that couldn't happen anywhere else or

at any other time. And all this implies putting the event into the hands of spectacular, charismatic showmen

people with professional experience of producing gigantic live entertainments — not relying on style gurus and ministers without portfolios. Let's recruit Harvey Goldsmith and Cameron Mackintosh, and that brilliant military chappie who masterminds all those Royal Tournaments, and the country's leading fireworks genius, and the most inspired themepark executives in the land - and tell them that this is their moment to do their patriotic bit for Britain. Between them that merry crew might, just might, conjure a triumph out of a project that currently has "amateurish bungle" written all over it.

Such populist thinking will, of course, send shudders through the ranks of the earnest do-gooders who see the Millennium Exhibition as a way of improving the simple minds of us ordinary folk. Let them be horrified. People, especially young people, won't come to the Millennium Dome to be patronised. They may just come if they can be sure of seeing a show that they will remember till their dying day. For £580 million, that is what they must get.

Bring on the superlatives

inscribe the plot and subplots of Lear on a cherry-stone as describe the concerns of David Hare's

latest piece for the National. It is about the value of theatre, cultural change and the decline of England. It is about mothers, daughters, the tension between in-laws. It is about loss, grief and the scouring of the soul. It is also ... but it should already be

clear that Amy's View is subtler than the Hare Trilogy, with its earnest thunderings about decaying institutions, and more incisive, funny, moving, diffi-

cult: fascinating play. The first half mainly involves the conflict between Judi Dench's robust, assertive Esme and Eoin McCarthy's willowy, deceptively fragile Dominic. When we meet them in 1979, she is a well-known stage actress, he a young nobody who despises the theatre as "irrelevant" and, to compound the offence, has impregnated her daughter. Samantha Bond's warm, de-

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Amy is the latest of a longish line of fragrant Hare women, and it is her faith in love, friendship and understanding that gives the play its title. But there seems little chance of her 'view" prevailing in her own immediate family. Come 1985, and Dominic is her husband and a big media success, while Esme is on the slide. He makes TV programmes in which everything he regards as arty-farty and elitist is eremonially flushed down a cartoon loo, and she has been reduced to playing caricature germs in ads for disinfectants. Together, they send you out to your interval drinks feeling

that a) the man and dramatist in Hare are both sickened by the slick philistinism of the electronic age; but that b) his case would be stronger if he made it clearer what kind of theatre and art Esme embodies and Dominic hates. There are moments in the

second half, too, when you wonder if that late, great

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Amy's View Lyttelton

reactionary John Osborne, has been reincarnated in the radical Hare. It is the 1990s. Rural Berkshire, where the bulk of the play occurs, is a suburban theme-park in which pubs have become wine-bars selling "wind-dried yak meat". Dominic is achiev-ing world fame by making ex than Skylight, Hare's movies in which skulls are mast recent attempt to give lovingly observed exploding. private paints social coating. As for Esme, she has been bour (in Ronald Pickup's excellent performance, a mix of the sweet, the tweedy and the sottish) into becoming a Lloyd's name and, as a result, has debts too huge to be repaid by her latest career-move, which is playing a doughty nurse in a TV soap.

Somewhere during a quar-rel between Amy and Esme about the meaning of "taking control" of one's life, I won-

dered if the play was getting too unfocused, too scattered. But even if that's so, there are compensations. Again and again Richard Eyre's finely honed production wins your respect for Hare's wit and craft. Increasingly, it does the same for his sense of fair play. his willingness to offer a hearing even to the unlovely Dominic. But it is his handling of Esme that gives the evening its depth and, for all the seeming untidiness, its shape and coherence

I don't think I'm spoiling too many surprises if I reveal that during the play she loses pretty well everything, but somehow ends up the gainer. And that allows Dench to give a tough touching performance. To see her at the end. staring dark-eyed into her dressing-room mirror as she remembers the greatest blow she has suffered, is to feel twice blessed. A major dramatist has written a strong, rich play, and a major actress has done him proud.

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issue play. Now, you could call Ghosts an issue play, in that it fits that category of drama where private relationships are the focus for exploring public matters. But what makes Jonathan Tolins's 1993 play seem even older-fashioned than Ibsen's is in part due to its New York setting, where we are presented, once again, with a Jewish civilisation and its discontents, wise-

cracking and weeping. "How many times do you have to have your beart broke?" asks the mother (Sheila Allen), who might have become a grandmother if only her children and Western society and the march of science had behaved with more consideration.

The Twilight of the Golds

Arts

and artistic son. What marks them out as different, of course, is that Tolins blasts them apart with a Big Issue. Yes, folks, what we have here is an Abortion Play.

Times have moved on from discussions of whether a mother has the right, etcetera. Tolins is concerned with the grounds on which a choice might be founded. He imagines that research scientists have isolated a gay gene. "It's going to be like you," some-body says to David, the operaloving son. Which nobody in

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the characters start displaying their attitudes.

In Polly James's dutiful production Jason Gould plays the sweet-natured, cultured, fault-free David. But the writing fails to extend the character beyond politely argued outrage, with smugness not far behind. The scientist sonin-law (Mark Hadfield) describes his princess's voice as that of a whining adolescent: Gina Bellman's perfor-

All five characters lecture us on their feelings in what are probably meant to be arias without music, for the play is brimful with references to Wagner's biggy, and the play ends as the waters of the Hudson rise and three

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Tony Blair: a communitarian in the making?

Amitai Etzioni on new Labour's bid

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n every conversation I have had on my visit to Britain since the general election, one question has been repeated: what will Tony Blair do for the country? Will he be a gentler Tory, show his true old Labour colours, or will he strike in a new, perhaps communitarian.

Given Mr Blair's sizeable victory, the special powers he has as a British Prime Minister (vastly superior to a French one, not to mention an American President) and his energetic start, the question is understandable. However, in view of the sharp limits that global economic forces set on national governments, we must face a communitarian reworking of President Kennedy's famous challenge: do not ask what your country can do for you, but what you can do for yourself, your close ones and your community. My idea of community is broadly conceived: it includes the nation. Europe if you feel expansive, and one day the world.

Long before the election, much was made of Mr Blair's changes in Clause Four of the Labour Party constitution. In examining the change, most observers focused on the fact that the old Labour preference for big government was ditched. Much less attention has been accorded to the new Clause Four - one that recognises the importance of community, of a society in which the rights we

enjoy reflect the duties we owe". And an important motto of the election campaign was "respon-sibility for all, responsibility from all — as communitarian a notion as they come.

Mr Blair has called for a "culture of responsibility" in welfare recipients. (Though it remains to be seen if, when a unit

trust, a pension scheme or a major workplace comes unstuck, he calls on others in the same industry to come to the victims' aid, or uses the Government to bail them out.) These ideas, and the public philosophy and images they evoke, played a significant role in Mr Blair's victory. They now provide criteria against which his communitarianism may be measured.

The most important implication of the new Clause Four is that new tarian society entails much more than nurturing local residential communities, or building on small platoons: it is necessary to change the culture and structure of society. Communitarian culture is needed to replace the welfare state notion of entitlement - that once one pays one's taxes, the State will attend to one's needs from cradle to grave with the realisation that for the ship of state to progress, everyone must pull the oars.

Communitarian culture rejects the Thatcherite notion that maximising self-interest benefits society as a whole. While there is a need for more self-reliance, communitarian culture stresses the need for reciprocity; for members of a community to help one another, not as an act of charity, but as an act of mutuality - one for all and all for one. Communitarian culture also entails moving much closer to the people, devolving power to the council or parish level, using democratic reforms to reverse Thatcherite centralism.

Early tests of Blair's communitarian colours may be seen in small measures to help change the culture. Will he, for example, promote parents' co-operatives in which fathers and mothers share childcare duties? In Germany's Kinderladen, or playgroups, each parent is required to contribute some time. This reduces public costs, helps bond the parents to one another, and provides built-in inspection. Communitarian mutuality is also advanced when neighbours attend to one another if one is discharged from hospital, ever earlier, as is increasingly the

Communitarians are often asked how folks could do more for one another, or for stricken members of their families, when both parents often work outside the home — and in all too many there is only one parent serving both as breadwinner and homemaker. Part of the answer might lie in devoting, say, two of the dozens of hours a week people spend watching television to social endeavours.

More of the answer lies in drawing on the growing class of senior citizens. Here, too, the notion that one is entitled needs to be replaced with the idea that one needs to give something back, not out of altruism but to make the system work, and because people who serve good causes feel ennobled rather than coerced. Centres for senior citizens find that older folks greatly enjoy spending time with one another. People with cancer, HIV, alcoholism. Alzheimer's and some forms of mental illness do much better (and cost the public less) when they join

mutual support groups.

The communitarian paradigm does not call for closing down the welfare state and replacing it with armies of volunteers. It envisages a triumvirate, in which the State, the

private sector and various institutions of the People who community co-operate to shoulder social burdens. serve good causes feel

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Welfare reform is a case in point. Mr Blair is following the American example in tackling unemployment. As many of those on welfare have children. it is suggested that the Government will use public funds to provide childcare for those wishing to

work. However, given that it is desirable for a parent of infants to stay at home, these people could discharge their communitarian duties by providing childcare for other claimants who wish to work outside the household.

Moreover, in an economy that still has considerable unemployment, pushing welfare clients to work is likely to push others into unemployment and ultimately on 'elfare. A communitarian so ution lies in assigning claimants to community work which would otherwise not be carried out; cleaning up parks, for instance. This requires boards, which exist in America, of unions and government representatives, to ensure that those who do community service will do only work that truly would not be carried out otherwise.

ow might the culture be changed to become more L communitarian?Mr Blair can continue to issue exhortations, using what Americans call the "bully pulpit". But speeches, however well crafted, go only part of the way. Referendums can focus a nation's attention, so long as there are no more than two or three a year. Serious public dialogue is necessary if he seeks broad support for policies that seek to address complex and value-laden issues such as Europe, inequality, or protecting the NHS.

Tony Blair needs such a public dialogue if he is to persuade people that they must change their habits. and if he is to reduce the scope of government while deepening support for what the State will continue to have to do.

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Our suburban shrines of sport are envied, but Britain's best dread playing there, says Simon Barnes

t is one of those strange facts of life that the names of L unextraordinary London suburbs, places banal enough to those who live in them, commute through them or seek the late-night off-licence within their midst, are to the rest of the world words that tingle with romance, beauty, hope and dreams. It is merely a matter of chance that the world does not celebrate with fear and trembling Surbiton, Morden, Northolt, Kilburn. Instead, bearing names that ring in the global imagination like Siam, Cathay, Samarkand and Mandalay, we have the no less ordinary London suburbs of Twick-Wimbledon, Wembley,

Marylebone. Sport, you see. In each of these places stands a sports stadium. I have been to much better stadiums for watching sport, getting to the bar, finding the lavatory — but that is not the point. These quotidien suburbs are, to the wide world, places of genuine reverence: places of pilgrimage, no less.

enham.

Twickenham, for rugby union, Wembley for football. Wimbledon is for many people across the world not so much the best as the only tennis tournamenent. Even the postcode, SW19, is renowned.

The last name is these days the most obscure, but it was once the modest banner behind which

Lose at Lord's and weep at Wimbledon

marched the flower of the British Empire. Test matches overseas

were played not by England but by the Marylebone Cricket Club. The MCC's, and the game's, headquarters is Lord's Cricket Ground. Rather damp this week: and those optimists among us pray that cataracts and hurricanoes will spout till at least Monday teatime; perhaps, better still, until the first eek of September.

For it will have escaped the attention of no one with sporting blood in the veins that England beat Australia at cricket, an epic surprise if ever there was one, in first Test at Edgbaston (Birmingham suburbs don't have quite the same Proustian ring) a fortnight back.

Lord's, the shrine, the Holy of Holies, the resting place of the Ashes, the thumb-sized trophy for which these cricket matches have been played for more than a century, is in theory the perfect enemy with the weight of our past and club them to death with our history. But no. In the present Test match, things have begun very

In fact, England have not beaten Australia at Lord's since 1934. Even when Australia got hammered in the 1985 series, they won at Lord's. Of the last 20 Tests at Lord's. England have lost nine, drawn seven. They did beat Sri Lanka.

On the first day of Wimbledon, or rather the All England Lawn Tennis Championships, we journos meet to sort out who does what. And each paper will appoint its Losing Brits Correspondent, You'll be the busiest, ho ho ho. We make that joke every year.

Like Lord's, Wimbledon is a venue that brings out the worst in the home players, the best in the visitors. It inspires those who come

place for England to press home in awe to worship it overwhelms their good start, intimidate the those for whom it is part of those for whom it is part of

It is a place where every British player since Fred Perry (winner 1934, 1935, 1936) has underachieved. Virginia Wade, the last Brit to win a singles title in 1977. should have won more, but Wimbledon nerves almost never failed

Since then, British tennis followers have suffered along with the gallant Jo Durie and her three-set martyrdoms, through the diffident hopefulness of Jeremy Bates, the man in the white woolly. Tim Henman's achievements at Wimbledon last year - he reached the quarter-finals - were as much a surprise as a delight. He flew in the face of all postwar tradition.

Wembley has seen a fair bit of England's glory in its time, but always less than it might. Despite an upturn in fortune of late, the last two very big matches ended in

defeat, to Germany on penalties in the European Championship, and to Italy this year in the World Cup

Twickenham has often been England's disaster area; in the 1970s they lost 14 times in 25 games. But since then, they have gradually set about the destruction of this uniquely British phenomenon of

home disadvantage. These aromatically London suburbs throb with the pulse of history: history not of the country but the world. This is because the British invented most of the world's best games and, when Top Nation, spread them around the Empire and the world.

ut the British of today are by imperial history as hideously embarrassed. The modern view of Empire is like the Victorian view of sex: we all know it has been going on all over the place for years, we all know it was how we got here, and it made us what we are today - but we must never ever mention it, still less take pleasure in it. Guilt is the only emotion permitted. At Lord's, at Wimbledon this June, we watch and we share once again in the trauma of Empire and its ending. History is a nightmare from which we are

Oxford's dreaming minaret

A new Islamic Centre is eclectic and amusing. The dons of Merton hate it

orget Oxford University and think of Oxford. Here is one of the most exquisite small towns in Europe. It has the finest High Street, the largest group of medieval buildings, the noblest domestic architecture, the loveliest green spaces and a necklace of incomparable chapels, quadrangles and halls.

Yet we must not forget the university. Oxford has survived because it houses the most conservative institution in the world. Other service industries may feel the need to update their plant. To Oxford, what was good enough for the schoolmen and Erasmus has always been good enough: a format of tower, gatehouse, quadrangle and staircase, embracing good living and communal intercourse.

given time to breathe. Generations of benefactors, from

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Nuffield, may must buy the format. When Lord Nuffield submitted, he behaved like a Tuscan grandee, demanding

that at least his tower be the tallest. Donors should be grateful that the university was taking their cash. Any grudging and the most powerful alumni in the land would subject a donor to such abuse that he would wish he had spent his money on a yacht. In the past year, three multimillion-pound gifts have been

reeted by Oxford like garments from a plague village. Last year, Gert-Rudolf Flick saw his offer of a centre for European studies at Balliol turned down on grounds of his grandfather's Nazi connections. Last year the Wafic Said Business School almost went the same

way, taking with it a \$20 million donation. Mr Said was accused of being an arms dealer who wanted to seize green-belt land and the name of Oxford for a privately controlled institution - charges in which there was some truth. Last week he graciously backed down and was duly offered a new site next to the railway station. (When President Mugabe was told he had to name a Harare street after Kenneth Kaunda, he chose an alley near the goods yard.)

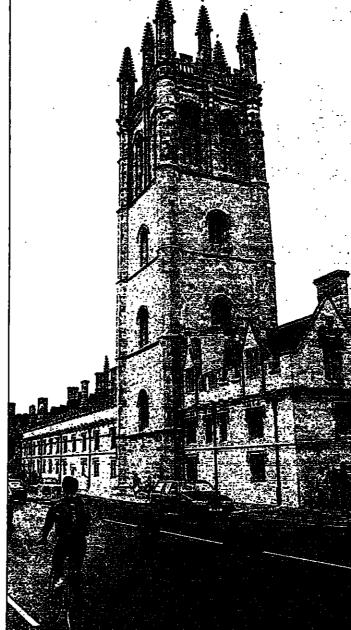
Now pandemonium has broken out over a proposed Centre for Islamic Studies on open space between St Catherine's College and Magdalen deer park. This time the backers are the royal houses of Brunei and Saudi Arabia. The intermediary is none other than Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Saudi Ambassador to Washington, with another £20 million, in league with the Prince of Wales. This is more than Oxford can bear. Why does money grow on such prickly trees?

Battle is now joined in a mêlée of academic integrity and aesthetics. Surely the austere and intolerant House of Fahd will not sponsor the intellectual independence required of an Oxford institution (though the Islamic Centre has been in existence for a decade). More serious is the design. The Saudis have com-missioned Abdel Wahed al-Wakil, who practises in Britain and is favoured by the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture. The building is on two acres of old tennis courts. The plan is traditional.

> with quadrangles, gardens, hall and tower. The details are unmis-Principal of these 108ft minaret. The minaret is the last

straw. It would thrust up among the dreaming spires, within muezzin-call of the apogee of perpendicu-lar Christianity. Magdalen College tower. Not since the minaret of the London Mosque was built plum on the axis of St John's Wood High Street has there been such a visual culture clash. Merton College. which leased the land to the Centre, took one look at the plans and threw a fit. It dismissed them as "a mish-mash of Eastern and Western influences" and summoned its lawyers. All the princes of Arabia might propose, but the Fellows of Merton would dispose. They were not having some Arabic rubbish on their aesthetic consciences.

I would think an Oxford Islamic centre ought to be "a mix of Eastern Western influences". The phrase applied with credit to Venice, to Ravenna, indeed to the origins of Gothic itself. The proposal does look over-big for what is still a semi-rural part of Oxford. But the style is eclectic and amusing. Tony Smith, the president of neighbouring Magdalen, finds it "enchanting, with quadrangles and gardens leading into one another in the best Oxford fashion*. Mr Smith recently commissioned an equally traditional building from the Greek architect Demetri Porphyrios; it now graces the other side of his deer nark, and fits well into the late medieval, early 18th-century and neo-Gothic ensemble of Magdalen.



Will dons tolerate a minaret within a muezzin-call of the apogee of perpendicular Christian architecture, Magdalen College tower?

Compared with the cruel frigidity of St Catherine's and the concrete science bunkers to the west, both buildings are a blessed relief. humanist and appropriate to the Oxford scene.

I wonder how Merton's Fellows would have reacted if Abdel Wahed had proposed a stark steel and glass cube. They would have been cowed into silence. Such is the dictatorship of Modernism that they would not have dared dismiss it as a "crude mish-mash of Corbusian and Miesian influences".

The works of Porphyrios, Jeremy Dixon (of the business school) and now Abdel Wahed suffer from

being stylistically recognisable. Words such as pastiche and mishmash trip from the tongue. Macho dons are supposed to love only concrete and steel.

Yet this evnicism towards tradition and appeasement of ugliness has given Oxford three decades of bad buildings and worse planning. Five minutes away from the Islamic site can be seen New College's Sacher building. Queen's College's Florey and Magdalen's own Waynflete, monsters on which the passage of time has impressed only the ghost of decay. Similar horrors have blighted corners of most colleges - Wadham, Worcester, St John's, Brasenose, St Anne's,

tion. Nor does familiarity breed respect. The much-lauded beehives" that I once occupied in St John's still look as ill-fitting and jerry-built as when they went up in the 1960s. College and university patrons did not intend ugliness. The best architects were sought — Powell and Moya, Stirling, Philip Dow-son, Leslie Martin — and money

Christ Church. These are not grea

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was plentiful. Yet the times were out of joint with Oxford's format. Steel frames, plate glass, streaked stone and concrete elbowed their way into quadrangles and leered across gardens. (Only MacCormack's lakeside pavilion at Worcester could be thought loveable.) It is hard to visit Oxford and not sympathise with William Morris-A kind of terror always falls upon me as I near it ... indignation at wanton or rash change mingles anxiously in me with all that I remember I have lost." Oxford was traditionally a city

built by angels but guarded by philistines. More recently town has been eager to spite gown, with such vandalism as the demolition of the entire St Ebbe's quarter and the desecration of Marston meadows. roads" that would never be built today. Christ Church meadow was saved from a similar fate only after Cabinet intervention. The Broad, as fine a street as the High, yearns to be cleared of traffic and paved as piazza, as it would be in any Italian or French town. Twenty years ago, the critic James Stevens Curl witnessed all this folly and wrote a diatribe against. The Erosion of Oxford". He concluded that the place "need expect no glorious or even civilised future".

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The worst of the epidemic seems to be receding. I am mildly reassured by Oxford's outwardly absurd bouts of conscience. Dons grab at any money going, but instantly plunge themselves into doubt and guilt. They pick over the proffered lucre, bite it, ask its provenance. They are above such common emotions as greed, corruption or gratitude. And they have plenty of ime in which to argue.

That doven of Oxford eccentricithe late Felix Markham, wrote that "Oxford does not lightly or giddily accept change". During his period, almost all of its changes were for the worse. Yet the saga of Wafic Said's endowment has turned out right. With compromise, so too should the Islamic Centre. The present generation of dons may be holding their noses as they tiptoe. But they are heading for a better guardianship of Oxford than the place has seen in years.

Raita wing

TAKING a note out of John Major's book. Kenneth Clarke, the cheroot-puffing former Chancellor, took his defeat at the hands of the Thatcher/Hague bandwagon with admirable dignity.

With some 20 members of his campaign team trailing behind him, he marched down the street



Clarke: consolation curry

from his headquarters to Hague's celebration party and warmly congratulated the new leader.

Then, with a searching look in his sad cyes, he cheered himself by heading currywards. He took his mob to Kennington Road in south London for mouth-burning baltis and flagons of lager.

The meal was convivial under the circumstances, and became merrier as it stretched on past midnight. Clarke talked of his plans for the future: long lunches at the Garrick, followed by a snooze.

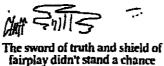
Yesterday, he appeared in the MCC Warner stand at Lord's, which is reserved for members and friends. It was all oddly reminiscent of Major, who curried his way through the election campaign and headed for the Oval in defeat.

Help!

FOR John Birt. the Armani-wearing Beatles funcier and heritage custodian, this is the dream property. The National Trust is looking for a custodian to live in and look after Sir Paul McCartney's old nouse in Liverpool.

It was Birt who alerted the trust to the fact that the house was for sale after seeing estate agent signs while taking his children on a magical mystery tour of Liverpool. Ren-

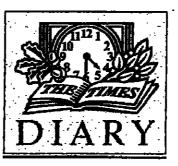




ovations on the property at 20 Forthlin Road, currently being done with a £47,500 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, will soon be finished and the trust needs somebody to live there. The job is to greet visitors, take them mund, answer any questions, and to look after the property."

Baud-acious

FROM the pages of Psion User magazine comes a royal mystery story. When King Baudouin I of Belgium headed for the great moules frites joint in the sky last year, among his possessions was found a Psion organiser. When the king's aides tried to turn it on, however, they found that the old boy had protected his machine with a password. They rang Psion to ask if they could crack it. As the programmers chewed their pencils thinking of a solution, they received another call from the Belgian palace telling them to call off their investigations and let the King's secrets die with him. So they did, and whatever secret life was contained on the organiser remains forever secret.



Rude Rudi

RESIDENTS of Finchley, who fondly remember when Baroness Thatcher represented them, are distinctly unimpressed with Dr Rudi Vis, their new Labour MP.

Interviewed in The House Magazine, the Dutch-born Vis. 56, remembers the days when he was employed in a hotel in Amsterdam. "It was a wonderful period of my life: the prostitutes used to come round for coffee and drinks and sit around chatting to all the hotel staff, who mostly happened to be gay. It did teach me that one should

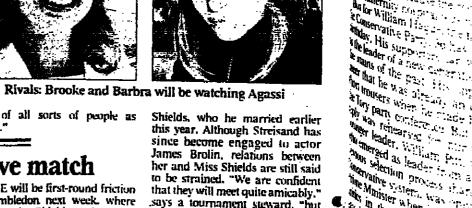


think of all sorts of people as

people."

Love match

THERE will be first-round friction at Wimbledon next week, where both Brooke Shields and Barbra Streisand are expected to appear to watch Andre Agassi. Miss Streisand dated Agassi for more than six months in 1993, before he left her to pursue the younger, lustier Miss



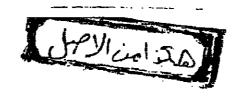
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SWORD OF TRUTH

Investigative journalism is the true guardian of public morality

Jonathan Aitken plunged yesterday into a mire of his own making. More than one man has been disgraced; in his fall, he has dragged with him the reputations of the Tory party and the Government in which he served. And he has further damaged the esteem in which those in public life are held. Mr Aitken brazenly betrayed the trust

which was vested in him: as a Member of Parliament, as a Minister, as a member of the Cabinet, and as a Privy Councillor. He deceived the Prime Minister, no less, and the Cabinet Secretary. He brought his party and his office into disrepute. For that he deserves today's opprobrium.

When Mr Aitken announced that he was suing The Guardian and Granada TV for libel, he used the purplest of prose to describe his purpose. He swore to take up "the simple sword of truth and the trusty shield of British fair play" in order to attack "bitter and twisted journalism". As it turned out, the sword of truth was to be found in the hands of journalists, not the scabbards of politicians. For the truth, Mr Aitken seems to have had scant regard and less respect.

His actions throughout this investigation have followed the same disreputable pattern. First he would lie; when his story was questioned, he would embellish the lie; and then he would encourage others to join him so that the edifice of his fiction would be supported. The vilest aspect of this case is that he persuaded his teenage daughter, his wife and his mother-in-law to sign affidavits that were mendacious. Had The Guardian's new evidence not come to light earlier this week, causing the collapse of the trial, these women, including his daughter, would have been expected to commit perjury in the witness box.

It is hard enough to understand how Mr Aitken could have allowed a Saudi friend to pay for his stay at the Ritz in Paris when he was in as sensitive a position as Minister for

Defence Procurement. But to embark then on a libel action, knowing that he was in the wrong, shows the most extraordinary lack of judgment. Did he expect The Guardian to back down in the face of intimidation? Or to run out of money? If so, the sin of arrogance

must be added to that of greed.

To their great credit, The Guardian and Granada refused to be bullied. The quality of their investigative journalism paid off. In the last Government it became fashionable to deride such journalism as biased and illinformed. The record of The Guardian in defending and winning four recent libel actions, including that against Neil Hamilton, shows it to be a valuable contributor to the upholding of standards in public life. It has exposed venality and deception in those who lay claim to be guardians of the public interest. Its success should help to deter any politicians who might be tempted in future to abuse their position.

Mr Aitken's case casts light too on the judgment of his senior colleagues. Margaret Thatcher prudently refused to promote him and not entirely, one would imagine, because of the way he treated her daughter. John Major, however, gave him a job which was far too delicate for a man with such public Saudi connections. And, when the allegations about Mr Aitken were presented to him, Mr Major merely asked his Cabinet Secretary to investigate them, a task for which Sir Robin Butler was ill-equipped.

Mr Aitken may be a clever and amusing man. He certainly added a dash of colour and energy to Conservative politics. But his arrogance blinded him to the risks that he was taking at every step of this sleazy saga. That he has made a useful contribution to public life should not mitigate his offence. If anything, it makes it worse. Politicians have to be more scrupulous than other people, not less. Failure to recognise that was Mr Aitken's abiding mistake.

DOWN TO EARTH

The planet needs targets, laws and concrete steps, not hot air

In 1992 the leaders of more than 100 nations met in Rio de Janeiro for an Earth-saving extravaganza. Their vaunted aim was to tackle the threat of a deteriorating environment. Now, five years on, government ministers are assembling once again, this time in New York, to review progress and draft a blueprint for continuing action. But can the summit's present resolutions be anchored when past promises have drifted away and future answers are still blowing in me wind?

The Rio summit was a significant moment, vitalised by an insistent sense of urgency. Swept forward on a wave of media interest, there was an impassioned response to environmental problems. Three new conventions were agreed in Rio - on climate change, biodiversity and desertification. A weighty action plan for sustainable development was laboriously negotiated. The developed world promised to make "new and additional" money available to help poorer nations achieve targets.

But rhetoric outraced reality. Since 1992 levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have risen considerably, millions of rainforested acres have been cleared, thousands of species have ceased to exist and the convention on desertification seems to have lost itself completely in a wilderness of UN bureaucracy. Moreover, the developing world is resentful that the richer nations have reneged on their agreement to donate a fixed percentage of their GNP to foreign aid. Only a handful, the Scandinavians unsurprisingly among them, have met their proclaimed targets.

The climate of change has gone stale. Earth Summit II faces a political impasse. Disenchanted Third World nations threaten to block any new agreements. President Clinton, daunted by pressure from industrial interestsand the economic warnings of his conservative Congress, is reluctant to make energy cutbacks.

Britain now has an important role to play in releasing this deadlock. Tony Blair and his team at the summit - John Prescott, Robin Cook, Clare Short and Michael Meacher included — must avail themselves of any special relationship with the Clinton Administration, goading it out of standstill and forwards to a commitment to reduce the vast fossil fuel budget of their country.

The United Kingdom Government stands in a position of relative strength. Of the 20 nations which promised five years ago to return carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels before the new millennium, Britain is one of only three to be still on broadly on track - albeit more for reasons of political coincidence (the decline of our mining industry) than policy.

Since it was elected, the Labour Government has pledged to do its utmost for the domestic environment. Now Mr Blair must persuade others to follow his lead. The world will no longer be content with pompous platitudes that have no legal force. Targets for carbon dioxide emission cuts should not only be set, but have penalties attached. Firm promises of overseas aid to promote the greening of Third World industry should not only be made, but kept. Western countries should offer financial incentives. such as tax breaks, to investors in renewable energy sources. But the planet could do without any more hot air from Earth Summit II.

THE AGE OF RELATIVITY

By the age 36 a man can be bald, married and a party leader

Thirty-six is a very attractive age. Politics is has been an age of achievement, especially full of elder statesmen such as Lord Parkinson, the Chairman of the Conservative Party, who have, by their own free choice and cosmetic grooming, remained 36 for years. - Because they also play in a branch of show business, politicians are as inclined to creative accountancy with their birthdays as film stars. Nancy Astor refused to admit to being more than 36, even though it made her sons illegitimate. And many other celebrities who claim to have been born in 1961 can justify their claim only because the room next door in the maternity hospital was number 1962.

But for William Hague, the new leader of the Conservative Party, 36 has been a lucky birthday. His supporters can welcome him as the leader of a new generation, free from the stains of the past. His opponents may sneer that he was already an elderly 36 in short trousers when he made his speech to the Tory party conference. But Mr Hague's reply was rehearsed for him by an even younger leader. William Pitt, the younger, who emerged as leader from an even more devious selection process than the present Conservative system, was only 24 and also Prime Minister when he defied his youthist critics in the House of Commons: "The atrocious crime of being a young man I shall

neither attempt to palliate nor deny." . And 36 itself has many flexible factors. Britain's old imperial system of weights and measures worked with twelves because they divide and multiply in more ways than the rigid continental decimal system. And 36 for scientists, because their work takes fire from youthful sparks of imagination rather than old embers. Aged 36, Einstein published his general theory of relativity. Rutherford was 36 when he was awarded the Nobel Prize for describing the architecture of the atom. And John Maynard Keynes was 36 when he published The Economic Consequences of the Peace and so founded his school of modern economics. Byron died when he was 36, and Shelley and Keats never made it to the magic age. But Jane Austen published her first book and George Eliot began her first novel at 36.

The modern cult of youth has pushed the boundaries of 36dom both backwards and forwards. So The Tatler's teenage supplement has shocked the professionally shockable by its list of things that should have been done by the time one is 18, such as losing one's virginity and spending a night in a police cell. While at the other end sportsmen such as Linford Christie, Jack Nicklaus and Lester Piggott carry on until they are well past 36, and the veterans' circuit at golf is big business for the grey swingers.

This modern multiplication of 36 as the prime age of opportunity has reduced the ages of man to four: infancy, childhood, adolescence for all the years around 36, and obsolescence. So Mr Hague is of an inspiring age to become a party leader. And if he were felt to be a blank 36, leading the Conservative Party in its present state is a recipe for making 36 years feel twice as old.

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Uncertainties over Clearing fog on shipping forecasts Hague as leader

From Mr Derek Young

Sir, The election of William Hague as Tory leader presents problems for Scottish Conservatives.

Firstly, as around Britain, the majority of constituency chairmen and chairwomen preferred the more moderate Kenneth Clarke. They will be disappointed by the failure of MPs to pay attention to the feeling of party activists throughout the country. Secondly, the new leader's first offi-

cial party engagement will be to address the Scottish Tory conference in Perth next week, where some in the party hope to secure more organisational autonomy and democracy for the party in Scotland, including the right to elect their own leader. Mr Hague's views on this are unknown. Some Scottish activists also seek a

more conciliatory policy on the creation of a Scottish Parliament. Mr Hague has expressed his strong opposition to this in the past, and has advocated that Conservatives campaign for a "no" vote to both questions in the upcoming referendum.

If Mr Hague's amoude to such flexibility in the party mirrors his approach to the single currency issue, he could find that May I was not the lowpoint of the Scottish Tories' electoral

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From Mr Mark Dunn

Sir, For the first time this century it seems possible that the Tory party in

Parliament has chosen a rather querulous little Englander to be its leader. Far from healing the splits in the

Conservative Party in the nation as a whole, it seems probable that Mr Hague's election as leader in Westminster will raise more questions than it answers. Down here in Chichester, a rock-

solid Tory seat, we electors will have the luxury of being able to watch Mr Hague's performance in Westminster with slightly amazed interest. Many of us will take comfort from the fact that, in opposition, he'll have time to earn his spurs before he's trusted at

But even more of us will ask ourselves whether the leadership of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition isn't too important to be left to a band of faction-fighting MPs, who do not represent the Tory voters in the seats which will one day have to be won back.

After all, the 92 MPs who picked Hague can hardly be said to have had a mandate from the rest of the poor suffering party.

Yours faithfully, MARK DUNN, Wildham, Stoughton, Chichester, West Sussex. June 19.

From Mr Leslie Holgate

Sir, I congratulate William Hague on his election to lead the Conservative Party. However, he may find it a little more difficult to be elected to the high office of Prime Minister.

He should perhaps consider the possibility that Conservative votes put Mr Blair into No 10. Had Mr Major made an election promise to change his Cabinet he could, in my view, probably still have been at that address.

LESLIE HOLGATE. Arfryn, Cwm Road, Dyserth, Denbighshire. June 19.

From Mr Nicholas Bennett

Sir. As the Conservative Party's new leader takes office, may I echo Peter Riddell's tribute to John Major (June 17) for his years of service to this

I first met John Major when, as a 23-year-old undergraduate, I was selected as the Conservative GLC candidate for St Pancras North in 1972. John Major was already the prospective parliamentary candidate for the constituency. Later I had the honour to serve as a minister in his first

administration.

It would, I believe, be a tragedy if, at the age of 54, the country had no further use for John Major's undoubted abilities. His experience, grasp of detail, good humour, courtesy and negotiating skill would be of immense benefit in any one of a num-ber of international posts.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BENNETT. Felstead House, 86 Tilehurst Road, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr Philip Circus

Sir, In choosing a leader the Conservative Party has, once again, made the fundamental mistake of confusing likeability with electability.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP CIRCUS. Coney Warren Cottage, Golf Club Road, St George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey. June 19.

From Mr Gary Chance

Sir, Finally, thanks to Bill Frost (fea-ture, June 16), "The Secret of the Ship-ping Forecast" begins to be unveiled. I have delighted in its mystery and sonorous tones for years, wanting and not wanting at the same time to know explicit locations. It was more intriguing to treat it as a puzzle, whilst trying

to fathom locations and put together a

mental weather map.
Now, at last, I know where these names really are and have seen a list of them - a mystical poetry in themselves, invoking the imaginative fan-tasy so well illustrated by the poem you quote, written by Julia Darling.

Lawrence Durrell noted in Bitter

Lemons that it is better to get to know an island slowly and savour the experience, since one is limited by finite boundaries in a small place; so for me it has been with the shipping forecast.

To have the launch of e-mail letters on the same day is overwhelming by contrast - like island-hopping, an opportunity not to be missed.

Yours faithfully, GARY CHANCE, 523 Hurstway Walk, Wii. garychance@aol.com

From Mr Charles Wylie

Sir, Your article prompts me to seek help from your correspondents on refining the rules of my decades-old pastime of composing the forecast for our local area, Wight, before the "calm and measured tones" pronounce the Met Office verdict.

From a mental picture of the weather map based on the reading of the general synopsis one can forecast the weather in one's own area (ten marks for getting it exactly right at this stage). With the march of Tyne and Dogger, leading to Humber and Thames, one can refine the prediction (only one mark for getting it precisely correct one shipping area in advance). With full confidence in its accuracy.

I can reveal my total score over some thirty years - zero. Getting it right except for one word ("showers" rather. than "occasional showers") is not good enough. Does anyone else play this infuriating game?.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your windblown servant, CHARLES WYLIE, The Wolery, Lodge Hill, Newton Village, Hampshire.

From Mr Charles P. F. Baillie

Sir. I submit that the attraction of the shipping forecasts may lie less in their ce than in their precision. No-

where in Britain is more than 70 miles from the sea, and observation can enable anyone to determine quite accurately the local weather by reference to the wind direction and barometric pressure set out in the shipping fore-

This information is almost totally lacking in the normal radio weather forecasts, which ramble up and down and across the country with little pattern and less meaningful information - eg, "There may be the odd shower here and there".

Yours faithfully, C. P. F. BAILLIE, 3 West End Farm, Locking. Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

From Mr G. A. Royle

June 16.

Sir. Mr Frost observes that "if the wind is in the north and is changing in a northeasterly direction, it is said to

Not by any seaman, 1m afraid. A wind changing in a clockwise direction is a veering wind. A northeasterly wind turning to the north is "back-

Yours sincerely. G. A. ROYLE, 25 Spinney Green. St Helens, Merseyside.

From Mr Roger G. Dawson

Sir, In consideration for the "quotahoppers", may I suggest that in future the BBC transmit the shipping forecast in Spanish.

Yours faithfully, ROGER DAWSON, Norfolk Road. Lytham, Lancashire,

From Mr Bill Woodruff

Sir, In the past, some of your readers have complained that, with the low rainfall now experienced in some areas, forecasters have been apologetic when predicting it.

By contrast, the admirable shipping forecasts have the added attraction of occasionally expressing apparent approbation for expected precipitation. For example, the Shannon/Rockall forecast quoted in the article reads ... Showers. Good."

operations are of necessity performed

by trainees whose training and experi-

ence, as judged by their trainers, fits

them for the task. The ultimate res-

ponsibility for a patient's care rests

with the consultant, who will either

assist or be readily available, depend-

ing on the complexity of the operation.

and there is no reason whatsoever

why they should be at risk. I don't

think the small sample reported by

Professor Wilson indicates otherwise.

We already monitor our trainees' op-

Patients should benefit from this

Yours faithfully. BILL WOODRUFF. Great Oaks. 36 Court Road. Ickenham, Middlesex.

Supervision of trainee surgeons

From Sir Rodney Sweetnam, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Sir, Professor Janet Wilson's postal survey (report, June 20) makes news because it reveals that some surgical trainees are performing operations without direct supervision. Of course some are. Trainees vary in experience from recently qualified doctors to those about to become consultants, after at least eight years' training.

This college has statutory responsibility to ensure that surgeons are properly trained. Supervision of their training is an important part of the ever burgeoning workload of consul-tant surgeons. More consultants are urgently needed, but until such time as the Government is prepared to in-vest in them the balance between service needs and training will continue to cause strain in the NHS.

Apart from training needs, many

Staying at home From Mrs Miriam Richardson

Sir, The Chairman of the Association of Catholic Women, Josephine Robinson (letter, June 18), must be out of touch with the mothers she supports if she really thinks that the full-time mother of children aged under three

"writes a novel" or "studies for a qualification" while her (apparently unprotesting) offspring gaze on. The only mothers who can consider following these types of pursuits are those relying on the type of daycare

Since, however, genuine full-time mothers are a good deal more constrained, and every bit as valuable as she suggests, they all the more deserve the government support for which Josephine Robinson and her organisation rightly campaign.

Yours sincerely, MIRIAM RICHARDSON, 3 Butlers Close. Amersham, Buckinghamshire. Media 'freebies'

Yours faithfully, RODNEY SWEETNAM.

The Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

From Mr Ian Rutter

President,

June 20.

Sir, Your report on the wide assortment of "freebies" given to the media at international events ("Brollies and gold watches sweeten task of the press. June 18) reminded me of my trip to the 1984 Sarajevo winter Olym-I was one of a four-man BBC TV

outside broadcasts team sent to cover the British interest in the games: this was when Torvill and Dean won their gold medal. We worked the usual television hours of 8.30am to midnight every day. The "freebies" in our press pack were two small booklets, The Folk Art of Bosnia and Hercegovina and Sarajevo, a Walkers' Guide.

What was lacking in gifts was more than made up by the city's hospitality and immense pride in hosting the Olympics.

Yours sincerely. IAN RUTTER,

Riverwood Heights, Gibraltar Lane, Cookham Dean, Berkshire.

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Some are more equal than others

From Sir Mervyn Brown

Sir. There are respectable arguments for abolishing hereditary seats in the House of Lords, but it is a mistake to invoke the example of France as an egalitarian society where everyone, even the President of the Republic, is addressed as "Monsieur" or "Ma-dame" (Mr John M. Calabrini's letter

The French no longer have peerages and knighthoods, but they have great respect for individual titles denoting position or occupation: no one would dream of addressing Monsieur Chirac as anything other than "Monsieur le Président".

Similarly ministers, secretaries of state, ambassadors, senators, depu-ties and mayors are invariably addressed as such, even when they no longer occupy these positions. A senior civil servant is "Monsieur (or Madame) le directeur", a headmaster "M l'instituteur" and a teacher "M le professeur". Even a postman might be "M le facteur".

My rule when first meeting a Frenchman of some apparent distinction whom I do not know is to address him as "Monsieur le président" in the confident belief that he will be president of something - a company, an association, a golf or tennis club and will like so to be addressed.

The wish to have one's achievements publicly recognised is entirely natural and an important motivating force (one of the arguments for retaining knighthoods). Even in the democratic US presidents, secretaries of state, senators, congressmen, governors and ambassadors are always addressed as such and, as in France, continue to be so addressed in retirement.

In this country functional forms of address are limited to doctors (medical and academic), university professors, judges and the Armed Forces and police. Without knighthoods company chairmen, senior civil servants, ambassadors and Members of Parliament would be plain "Mister" or "Ms". If we could adopt the French practice then the need and the desire for knighthoods and peerages would substantially diminish.

Yours sincerely. MERVYN BROWN, 195 Queen's Gate, SW7.

From Mr Douglas Finney

Sir, I was recently invited to lunch by the chairman of a French regional bank, who was greeted by the head I am required by protocol to address my French aunt by marriage as "Ma tante" (as in "Bonjour, ma

to d,

tante") - specifically not as "Madame". And then, there is the insidious tutoiement among the elites. An insignificant 25-year-old employee may, if not must, tutoyer a crusty senior from the same grande école, to distinguish

themselves from the masses. I love it; but here in Britain let's stick to our own nonsense.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS FINNEY. 34 Bolingbroke Grove, SWII.

From Mr Sandy Skinner

erative experience but we will, of course, investigate her findings thor-Sir, I'm surprised that Mr Calabrini links formal dress with forms of ad-I believe that the Duke of Welling-

ton called his soldiers "Sir", and they called him the same. I continue to find this a simple and courteous address.

Respectfully, Sir. SANDY SKINNER, 6 Ruston Mews, WII. June 18.

Run out From Mr Chris Larlham.

Sir, My learned friend Mr Daniel

Lightman (letter, June 17), whom I have known since he was "nobbut a lad", should take a leaf from the book of his father, Mr Justice Lightman, and read his papers more carefully before writing to correct your columnist, William Rees-Mogg (June 12). Nowhere in his article did the latter

refer to runs scored in Test matches; in all first-class cricket, Mr Geoffrey Boycott scored 48,426 rums at an average of 56.83, whereas Mr David Gower's achievements were rather more modest: 26,339 at 40.08. Yours faithfully.

C. LARLHAM, Apple Cottage, Anso Corner, Hempstead, Saffron Walden, Essex. cl@cmck.com

Sales patter

From Mr Laurence P. Rowley

Sir, I agree that "There you go". "There you are". "Have a nice day" are all meaningless remarks (letters, June 13, 17); but they are considerably more acceptable than the parting phrase of the young lady who phoned me recently to sound out my interest in having double-glazed windows. After my telling her three times that I did not need any she called me a

"prat" and hung up. Yours faithfully, LAURENCE P. ROWLEY,

12 Red Hall Green, Leeds, West Yorkshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE June 20: The Prime Minister of Australia was received by The Queen this morning.

Afterwards Mr and Mrs Howard

Majesty,
The Queen honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.

Her Majesty was represented by
The Duke of kent at the Service of
Thanksgiving for the Life of Princess
Margaret of Hesse and the Rhine
which was held in \$t Margaret's
Church Westminster Abbey, London
State this represent

SW), this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy.

The Duke of York was represented by Mr Alastair Bruce.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean

sented by Lieutemant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer.

The Princess Royal was represented by Mrs Colin Goodwille.

Mr Eric Milligan (the Rr Hon the Lord Provost, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutemant of the City of Edinburgh) was present at Edinburgh Airport this evening upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of the Phillippines and Mrs Fidel Ramos and bade them farewell on behalf of The Oueen. The Oueen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 20: The Princess Royal today
took the Salute at the Grand Day Parade at Queen Victoria School. Dunblane, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieumenant of Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by The Prince of Wales at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Princes Margaret of Hesse and the Rhine which was held in St Margarets. Church Westminster Abbey this

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 20: The Prince of Wales this morning received the Rt Hon Chris

Princess Margaret of Hesse

The Queen was represented by the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Edin-

Queen Elizabeth The Oueen

Mother by the Prince of Wales at a

service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Princess Margaret of

Hesse and the Rhine held yesterday in St Margarers Church,

The Duke of York was represented by Mr Alastair Bruce, Prince Edward by Lieutenant-

Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and the

Princess Royal by Mrs Colin

Princess Margaret, the Duke of

Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent. the Earl of St Andrews and Prince

Canon Donald Gray, Rector of St Margaret's officiated assisted

by the Rev Desmond Tillyer and

the Rev Anthony Moore. The Duke

of Kent read the lesson and the

Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH.

Menuhin, OM and Lord Geddes

the Lute Suite in E minor by Bach.

The Rev Roger Holloway, Priest

Vicar, was robed and in the Sanctuary. Crown Princess Sarvath el Hassan of Jordan

attended. Among others present

attended. Among others present were:
The Landgraf of Hesse, Prince Donatus of Hesse, Lady Geddes, Captain the Hon James Geddes. Mr and Mrs Hugh Geddes. Mr and Mrs Hugh Devlin. Thomas Devlin, James Devlin, Parcick Devlin, Miss Camilla Geddes, Mr Stephen Geddes, Judge and Mrs Andrew Geddes, Mr Nicholas Geddes, Mr Dominic Geddes, Mr Leo Geddes, Mr Dominic Geddes, Mr Leo Geddes, Mr Dominic Geddes, Mr Leo Geddes, Mr Stephen Geddes, Mr Micholas Geddes, Mr Stephen Geddes, Mr Andrew Geddes, Mr Andrew Geddes, M

Wordsworth. Lord

Michael of Kent were present.

Westminster Abbey

Goodwille

gave addresses.

Memorial service

Smith (Secretary of State for National Heritage).

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner at Old Battersea.

House, London SWII, for the International Patrons of The Prince of Wales's Foundation for Architecture. KENSINGTON PALACE

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June 20: The Princess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon attended the
Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Princess Margaret of Hesse and the
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Royal engagements TODAY: The Duke of Gloucester will

TODAY: The Duke of Gloticester will open the new permanent classroom at Delabole Primary School, Delabole, at II.40. Later, as Grand Prior, the Order of St John, he will attend the 75th anniversary celebrations of the St John Cadets and the 10th anniversary celebrations of the St John Badgers at Trewithen, Grampound, Cornwall at 1.10, TOMO 1000. TOMORROW: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Caravan Club, will visit the Sandringham Estate Cara-van Club site at Sandringham at 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron, Normandy Veterans Association, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will attend the annual parade and service on Horse Guards 2.10 and lay a wreath at the Cenotaph, Whitehall.

Weekend birthdays





Bruce Kent, nuclear disarmament campaigner, will be 68 tomorrow: Prunella Scales, the actress, will be 65

colm Rifkind, QC, and former MP, 5i: Sir Hugh Rossi, former MP. 70; Miss Jane Russell, actress, 76; Lord Saatchi, 51; Miss Françoise Sagan, author, 62; Lord Sinclair,

Nixon, former chairman, IBM UK
Holdings, 72: Mr R.C. Poulton,
former Head Master, Christ's
Hospital, Horsham, 59; Mr Mal
TOMORROW:

Sir Hugh Annesley, former Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, 58; Mr Jack Bailey, former secretary, MCC, 67; Sir Christopher Booth, gastroenterologist,

73: Licutenant-General Sir Robin Carnegie, 71; Mr D.H.B. Chesshyre, herald, 57; Mr Gary Connolly, rugby league player, 26; Mr A.P. de Boer, former chairman, British Road Federation, 79; Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, former Lord-Lieutenant of Wilt-shire, 76; Mr G.S. Hill, solicitor, 70: Professor Sheila Hollins. Professor of the Psychiatry of Mental Handicapped, 51; Mr Ian Howe, former chairman, Kwik Save Group, 57; Lord Hunt, KG, leader British expedition to Mount Everest in 1952, 87; Professor D.A. Low, former President, Clare Hall, Cambridge, 70; Mr. R.J. Monta-gue, founder, Tiphook. 49; Mr. Gordon Oakes, former MP. 60; Mr David Owen, former Chief Constable, North Wales, 66; Miss Esther Rantzen, broadcaster, 57; Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, founder St Christopher's Hospice. Sydenham, 79: Mr Alastair Stewart. broadcaster, 45; Miss Meryl Streep, actress, 48; Lord Wakeham, 65; Mr Billy Wilder, film director, 91; Miss Diana

Service dinners

HMS Collingwood Rear-Admiral John Trewby, Chief Naval Engineer Officer, was the guest of honour at the HMS Collingwood annual dinner held last night in the Wardroom Mess. Commodore John Chadwick, pre-

Durkam Light Infantry General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billière attended the L20th annual dinner of the Durham Light Infantry held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Jacob presided.

Pathfinders Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison was the principal speaker at a Pathfinder dinner held last night at RAF Wyton to mark the station's at any wyton to mark the Station's connection with the Pathfinders. Wing Commander P.D.G. Milloy presided. Mrs Ly Bennett also spoke Members of the Pathfinder Association were the guests of honour honour.

Dinners

Army Board General Sir Roger Wheeler, Chief of the General Staff, was the host at a dinner given by the Army Board last night at the Royal Hospital Chelsea to meet General Dennis Reimer, Chief of Staff United States Army. Among those

United States Army. Among those present were:
Lady Wheeler. Lord Mayhew of Twysden, OC, and Lady Mayhew. General Sir Alex and Lady Harley. General Sir Michael and Lady Walker, Lieuzenant-General Sir Sam and Lady Cowan, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert and Lady Hayman-Joyce, Sir Andrew and Lady Burns, Mr and Mrs Roger Jackling. Major-General Mike Willococks, Brigadier and Mrs Joke Baly. Colonel and Mrs Hank Allen. Colonel Richard Dunn, Mr and Mrs John Richardson.

Shrivenham Club Major-General A.S.H. Irwin, Commandant of the Royal Military College, Shrivenham, presided at the annual symposium and dinner of the Shrivenham Club held last night at the college. Professor H. Strachan was the principal guest.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. Blair . and Miss C.A. Sims

The engagement is announced between Crawford, younger son of Mrs Berry Blair and the late Mr Bertie Blair, of Tullyhogue, Cookstown, Northern Ireland, and Caroline, daughter of Mr Howard Sims, of Longburgh, Carlisle, and Mrs Jane Hirst, of Carlisle. Mr J.W.A. de Graaff

and Miss E.L.A. Shanagher The engagement is announced between Jeroen, son of Mr and Mrs Willibrordus de Graaff, of Rotterdam, Holland, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Shanagher, of Chelsea, London.

Mr S.A. Luard and Miss E.P. Hanbury The engagement is announced between Scott Anthony, second son of Mr Patrick Loard, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex, and the late Mrs Mary Patrick, of

and the late Mrs Mary Patrick, of Farnham. Surrey, and Emma Priscilla, second daughter of Major and Mrs Christopher Hanbury, of Hungerford, Berkshire.

Mr T.M. Rogers and Miss L.D. Carey
The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Mr T.M. Rogers, Jur., and the late Mrs Judith Rogers, of Enid. Oklahoma, and Laura, elder daughter of Mr and Laura, elder daughter of Mr R.K.O. Carey, of Putney, and Mrs Catherine Allen, of the Watergate, Washington DC.

Marriage Mr J.A. Davis

and Miss LA. Locke The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 14, at St. Mary's Church, Caine, between John, son of Jack and Gwen Davis, of Calne, Wiltshire, and Lindsey, daughter of Alastair and Elizabeth Locke, of

Masons' Company The following have been elected officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Patrick Alexander Copland: Upper Warden, Mr Neil Richard Barnes; Renter Warden, Mr Basil James Rushton; Deputy Master, Mr Barry Murray Woodman.

Orley Farm School Old Boys' Day at Orley Farm School will be held on Sunday, July 6. RSVP: Headmaster's Office

United Kingdom.

School news

Prince William is 15 today,

Mr J.C. Barnford, founder J.C.

Bamford Excavators, 81; Miss

Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, 44; Mr Don

Black, lyricist, 59; Mr J.D.

Bolsover, chairman and chief executive, Baring Asset Management. 50: Mr Clive Brooke, trade union-

ist, 55; Mr Christopher Brown,

former director and chief exec-

utive, NSPCC, 59; Professor Anna Davies, FBA, philologist, 60; Mr Ray Davies, rock singer, 53; Mr John Edrich, former cricketer, 60; Mr Wally Fawkes, cartoonist, 73;

Miss Kate Hoey, MP, 51; Sir

Bernard Ingham, former chief press secretary to the Prime Min-ister. 1979-90, 65: Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, 67; Professor Pat-

ricia Lindop, radiobiologist, 67:

Mr Ian McEwan, novelist, 49; Sir Michael McWilliam, former direc-

tor, School of Oriental and African

Studies, 64; Sir Michael Marshall.

former MP, 67; Mr Peter Mar-shall, former Commissioner, City

of London Police, 67: Sir John Morgan, diplomat, 68; Sir Edwin

South Hampstead High School

Zaiwalia & Co Solicitors Mr Sarosh Zaiwalia, Senior Part-ner of Zaiwalia & Co Solicitors, 33

Chancery Lane London, gave a luncheon on Wednesday, June 18, at the Savoy Hotel, in honour of Mr Ma Zhengang Ambassador of China and to welcome him to the Laited Kinndom

TODAY:

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The South Hampstead Old Girls
Association is having its 110th
anniversary dinner on July 10.
1997, at 7.30pm, at the school. For details please call the school on 0171 435 2899 by June 27. or call 0181 422 1525. Luncheon

R Geddes. Mr Colin Goodwile, Miss Janna Goodwille. Mr Campbeil Goodwille. Mr Campbeil Goodwille. Mr Campbeil Goodwille. Mr And Mr David Reily, Miss Tabitha Kelly. Miss Lucy Anna Kelly. Miss Jemina Kelly. Mr Peter Lawson. Sir Resy Geddes, Mr and Mrs Richard Johnson, Mr and Mrs Junian Knight, Mrs Michael Lloyd, Mr Matthew Lloyd, Mrs Robert Onslow, Professor and Mrs David Ritchie. Miss Rachel Huggins. Mr and Mrs James Verschople, Mr and Mrs John Williams. Mr and Mrs M P Wyndham. Mr and Mrs Dernott Kydd. Mr Desmond de Silva. QC. and Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia. Professor and Mrs Duncan Geddes. Mr and Mrs Hugh Halcro Johnston. Mr James Halcro Johnston. Mr James Halcro Johnston. Mr James Halcro Johnston. Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia. Professor and Mrs Duncan Geddes. Mr and Mrs Hugh Halcro Johnston. Mr James Halcro Johnston. Princess Katarina of Sayn-Wingenstein-Sayn. Prince Priedrich Karl von Preussen. Princess Angarita of Baden, the Margravine of Baden, Connt Hans Coudenhove-Ralergi. Comite Jean de Ponsereu, Vicomite Drévelle du Prênes. Princess Statiana of Hohenlohe. Princess Xenia of Hohenlohe. Pr

Anniversaries our Party 1926-31 and 1934-39,

karno, President of Indonesia 1949-67, Djakarta, 1970.

TODAY BIRTHS: Sir Richard Wallace. collector of works of art. London, 1818: Pier Luigi Nervi, engineer and architect, Sondrino, Italy, 1891; Jean-Paul Sartre, Existentialist, Paris, 1906; Mary McCarthy, novelist. Seattle, Washington, 1912.

DEATHS: King Edward III, reigned 1327-77. Sheen. Surrey, 1377; Niccolo Machiavelli, statesman and writer, Florence, 1527; John Smith, colonised Virginia, London, 1631; Inigo Jones, architect. London, 1652; Mary Ann Clarke, adventuress, Boulogne, 1952; Erichich Eroshel adventuress. 1852: Friedrich Froebel, educational reformer, Marienthal, Kan-sas. 1852; Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, composer, Lyubensk, Russia, 1908; Maureen Connolly (Little Mo), Wimbledon singles champion (1952, 1953 and 1954), Dallas, Texas. 1969: Ahmed Su-

The foundation stone of the new St Paul's Cathedral was laid, 1675. The Constitution of the United States came into force, 1788. The irish rebellion ended with the defeat of the rebels by Lord Lake, 1798. The Royal College of Surgeons was founded, 1843. The German fleet was scuttled at

TOMORROW BIRTHS: George Vancouver, explorer. King's Lynn, Norfolk, 1757; Karl von Humboldt, statesman and philologist, Potsdam, 1767; Guiseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot, Genoa, 1805; Sir Rider Haggard, novelist, West Bradenham Hall, Norfolk, 1856; James Maxion, chairman of the Independent Lab-

Scapa Flow, 1919.

marque, novelist, Osnabruck, Germany, 1898: Sir Peter Pears, tenor, Farnham, Surrey, 1910. DEATHS: St John Fisher, bishoo. executed. London, 1535; Catharine Macaulay, historian, Binfield, Berkshire, 1791; Sir Henry Wilson, field marshal, assassinated by Sinn Feiners, London, 1922; Walter De La Mare, poet and novelist, Twickenham, Middlesex, 1956, Judy Garland, singer and actress, London, 1969; Darius Milhaud,

Glasgow, 1885; Sir Julian Huxley, biologist, London, 1887; Erich Re-

Young, jockey, 41.

composer. Geneva. 1974; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Los Angeles, 1987. The MCC and Hertfordshire played the first match at Lord's cricket ground, 1814. The Wallace Collection opened,

Church services tomorrow

Fourth Sunday after Trinity ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, ABERDEEN: 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), The Provost; 6.30 E, The Bishop.

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 Mc. of the United States (Byrd), The Bishop.

thou the central orb (Wood), The Dean; 3.15 Choral E. Stanford in C, O Lorde the Maker (Joubert). BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S
Euch, Darke in F. They that go down to
the sea (Sumsion); 3.30 Ch E. Responses
(Rose). Murrill in E. I saw the Lord
(Stainer).

(Stainer).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15
HC; 11 Ch Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Beati quorum via (Stainford), Rev P Seddon: 4 Ch E. Stainford II & III, Greater love hath no man (Ireland). love hath no man (Ireland).
BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15
Ch M, Deep River (Saunders). Canon
Hindley; 10.30 Euch. Missa brevis in D
(Mozari). The Provosi; 4 Ch E, For lo, I
raise up (Stanford). Canon Hindley.
BRECON CATHEDRAL: 11 Euch, Wood
In C minor. Canon B Jones; 3.30 E, the
True Glory (Aston). the Eighth Service
(Weelkes).

RESPONSES (SMITHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Euch: 3.30 Ch E. RESPONSES (SMITH), Noble in B minor, Canon A Redfern. CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M: 11 S Euch, Ave verum (Mozart), The Dean: 3.15 E. Responses (Holmes), My beloved spake (Tomkins); 6.30 Compilne.

beloved spake (Tomkins): 6.30 Compline CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, O quam gloriosum (Victoria). Fidelis (Whitiock), Archdeacon D Turmbull; 3 E, Responses (Byrd), Nicholson in D (lat. CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC: 9.30 Euch, Rev Ivor Moody: 6 Ch E, Responses (Leighton), Darke in F, The Vice Provost. CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 11 Euch. At the peace (Rutter), Sister E Margaret; 3.30 EP. Margaret; 3.30 EP.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M.
Harwood in A fial. Canon D Landreth; 11
S Euch. Mass Jalbright). Let all mortal
flesh (Bairstow). The Dean; 3.30 E.
Second Service (Gibbons).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S

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Mr John Mucha (Mucha Foundation). Mr Christopher Howes: Second flesh (Bairstow). The Dean; 3.30 E. Second Service (Gibbons).
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC: 10 M. Jubilate (Waiton). Canon O'Donovan: 11.15 S Euch. Mass for double choir (Martin). Canon Jeffrey; 6 E. Ninth Service (Weelkes). O Lord, grant the King a long life (Weelkes).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 10.30 Euch. Darke in E. If you love me (Tallts). Rev J Petty: 55 E. Responses (Reading). Harwood in A flat.
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Festival Te Deum (Britten). Jubilate Deo (Walton). Rev M Parker; 11.15 HC. Mass in five parts (Byrd). Canon M Petry: 3.30 E. Collegium Regale (Wood). Thou, O God, and praused in Sion (Grier).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Mass in G (Mozari). Rev Dr M Percy: 3.45 E. Stanford in C, The Twelve (Walton).
EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S

Euch. Oculi omnium (Wood), Missa brevis (Caesar). The Dean: 11.15 M, Responses (Morley), My soul, there is a country (Parry), Canon A Mawson; 3 E, Responses (Morley). Jubilate Deo (Britten): 6:30 ES, The King shall rejoice (Handel), Rev J Rawlings. (Handel), Rev J Rawlings.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15

Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley). The Dean:
3 E, Cantate Domino (Pitoni). They that
go down to the sea in ships (Sumsion)

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S

Euch Missa surge numera (Victoria) ave

Euch, Missa surge propera (Victoria). Ave verum (Elgar). The Dean; 11.15 M. Responses (Moore), Jubilate in C (Britten). Rev J Gordon Clark; 6:30 E. Walmsley in D minor, Rev Prof D Martin. Walmsley in D minor, Rev Prof D Martin. HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Teach me O Lord (Artwood), Missa brevis (Gowland), The Dean; 11.30 M, Te Deum in E (Britten), This have 1 done (Holst; 3.30 E, Wood in F, Light out of darkness (Elgar), Rev P Towner.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MP: 10.30 Royal Tigers' Association Annual Service, Britten in C, Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon), Rev T Hiney; 4 Choral E, Wood in E flat. Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach), The Provost.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Jubilate (Greening), O taste and see (Williams), Canon John Howe; 3,30 E, Responses (Clucas), Wood in F. ACOPULIST (LIUCAS), WOOD IN F.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8, 12.30
HC: 9.30 S Euch, Missa brevis in D
(MOZAR). The Subdean: 11.15 M.
Collegium regale (Howells). O thou, the
central orb (Wood): 3.45 E. How lovely are
the messengers (Mendelssohn), Rev P
Godden. Godden. LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Euch.

Canon M Wolfe; 3 Ch E, Canon M Boyling; 4 HC. LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L: 8 Euch; 11.S Euch, Missa brevis in B flat [Mozan]; 3.30 Ch E, Wesley In E, How beautiful upon the mountains (Stainer) beautiful upon the mountains (stainer)
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 M: 9
Euch: 10.30 5 Euch. Coronation Mass
(Mozart). The Dean: 6.30 EP.
NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 H Euch;
10.30 S Euch, Mass for St Woolos
(Williams). Like as the hart (Howells):
6.30 Ch Euch, St Woolos Service (Moore).
Through the Day (Moore).

Through the Day (Moore).

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP, 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Missa brevis (Ives). O sacrum convivium (Near, The Dean: 3.30 E. Responses (Rose). In the time appointed (Mathias). The Archdeacon.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M, Collegium Regale (Howells): 10.30 Euch. Messe Solenneile (Vierne), The Precentor; 3.30 E. Stanford in C. Lord, thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow)

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8.45 M; 9.30 Euch. Lauda Sion (Palestrina), The Dean: 11.30 C. Heuch, Canon M Glanville-Smill: 5.30 E. Harwood in A flat. Though I speak with longues of men (Bairstow), Cannon J Bell.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45

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SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Stanford in G, Ave verum corpus (Bynd), Canon J Osborne: 11.30 M. Responses (Rosel, Te Deum in C (Britten), Ven N Crowder: 3 £, Responses (Tomkins), Howells in G, Canon J Davies. SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10 MP: 10.30 S Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Archdeacon of Doncaster; 6.30 E, Responses (Radcliffe), Dyson in D, Canon 5 Matthews.

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SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11
Ch Euch, Let all mortal flesh keep silence
(Balrslow), Spatzenmesse (Mozari), Prof P
Gomes: 3 Ch E. Harwood in A flat, O
Lorde, the maker of all thing (Joubert). SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & I.; 8 HC: 1) S Euch. O sacrum convivium (Victoria), Missa brevis (Britten), Canon F G Green; 3.15 E. Mass for five voices (Weelkes), They that go down to the sea (Sumston).

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, Missa acterna Christi munera (Palestrina). The Dean: 6 E, Dyson in F, Rejoice in the Lamb (Britten), The Dean. WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 C. Miss F Lawson; 11 Euch, Missa brevis (Britten), Jubilate in C (Britten), Miss F Lawson; 6.30 E, Responses (Bielby), Te Deum (Howells), Canon R Gage. WELLS CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Missa brevis in C (Mozaril, Ave verum corpus (Mozari), Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M, Ireland in F; 3 E. Stanford in C, O clap your hands (Gibbons), Preb R G Askew, your hands (Gibbons), Preb R G Askew, WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 11 Civic Service, Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons), Blessed city, heavenly Salem (Bairstow), Rev J Slaier: 3 E, Responses (Neary), Stanford in C, Rev Dr B Watchorn; 6.30 ES, Rev G Kent.
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Te Deum in G (Williams), Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Rev C Stewart: 11.30 Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Adoro Te (Messlaen); 5.30 E.
YORK MINSTER: R HC: 10 S Fuch

11.30 EUCH, Mass for tinee voices (Byrd).
Adoro Te (Messlaen); 5.30 E.
YORK MINSTER: 8 HC: 10 S Euch,
Sumsion in P. 11.30 M. Dyson in D,
Responses (Ayleward); 4 E. Second
Service (Lelenton). Lord, thou hast been
(Williams). Canon Prof E Norman.
ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL. Hertfordshire: 9.30 Euch. Truly the Lord is in this
place (Hurford). Ave verum corpus
(Wills). Canon Ritson: 11 S Euch,
Stanford in C & F. O how amiable are thy
dwellings (Weelkes); 6.30 E, Responses
(Clucas). Smart in B fat, Canon R Lewis,
STASAPH CATHEDRAL Cluyd: 8 HC: 11
Ch M, A: Hyrnn for St Cecilia (Howeils),
Rev R Griffiths: 3.30 EP.
ST EDMUNDS BURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC:
10 S Euch, Let all mortal fiesh (Bairstow),
Panis angelicus (Franck). Col J Elilott:
11.30 Ch C. Canon S Petitit; 3.30 Ch E.
Lord who hast formed me out of mud
(Pike), Responses (Clucas).
ST GILES: CATHEDRAL Ediphurgh: 10

Krispinses (Clucay).

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL Edinburgh: 10 MS. Acterna Christi munera (Palestrina); 11.30 MS. Jauchzet dem Herrn (Mendelssohn): 6 St Glies at Slx: 8 ES. Rev K K Watson

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), The Chaplain; 3.30 Ch E. Second Service (Leighton), The Spirit of the Lord (Eigar).

me Lord (Eigar).

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdeen: 11 Rev R Frazer, 6 Rev R Frazer, ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa sancti Pauli (Carter), Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), Rev M Colclough; 3.30 E, Naylor in A Responses (Leighton). Archdeacon of London. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL,

Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and traditional polyphony, Met Anthony. ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Ireland in C, The Vicar; 6 E & B, Bairstow in D, The Vicar. ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev R Trist, 6.30 Rev Richard Bewes. THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI:
Il Missa ave Domine lesu Christe
(Monteverdi), Ave Maria (Willard) CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 M. Beati quorum vir (Stanford), Rev Dr P Eivy; 12.15 HC: 6 Ch E, Rev A Gomez Carrasco. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Curzon

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTIAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15
Rev J McMahon; 6.30 Rev S Hood. FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC; 1! MS, Rev R Thorpe; 5 S, Prof G Fee: 7.30 S, Prof G Fee. THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, 12,30, 4,30, 7; 3,30 V &

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Iverna Gdus, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian. WESLEY'S CHAPPEL City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev M Wakelin. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SWI: 11 Rev E Fletcher, 6.30 Rev Dr P Graves. P Graves.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran).
Gresham St, EC2: 11 Ch E, Rev T Bruch: 7
Ch Vespers, B Fisher.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT.
Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Ureland in F,
Expectans expectavi (Wood). The Rector.
6:30 E. Stanlord in C. Evening Hymn
(Parry). The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Ch M & Euch, Purcell In C. Collegium Regale (Howells), Canon J Oates; 6:30 Ch E. Responses (Clucas), See what (ove hath the Father bestowed (Mendelssohn), Canon I Oates ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 WAAF Association Annual Service, Te Deum in B flat (Stanford), My soul, there is a country (Parry), Rev R Noble, ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SWI: 11

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Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Mass (Stravinsky),
Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Rey A
Meldrum; 6 Ch E, Short Service
(Causton), Christus factus est (Brucknet) ST JAMES'S. Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev H Valentine: 5.45 EP. ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 S, Sonata No 1 (Mendeissohn), Rev M OKello; 6.30 HC, Rev D Richards.

Confirmations, Rev C MacLeod; 6.30 Rev W Alexander Cairns.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC: 10.30 HC: 6.30 E O Lord the maker (Mundy); Rev C Revill-Davies. ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC: 11 5 Euch, Missa in honorem Sancti Josephi (Peeters), O Jesu Christ, Mein Lebens Licht (Bach), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

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ST MARGARETS. Westminster, SWI: 10 M; 11.15 Euch, Rev Dr Donald Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC9.45 Euch; 5 Ch E; 6.30 ES. The ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; .11 HM. Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Paiestrina), Fr M Hislop; 6 E & B. ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC: 10.30 Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley). Rev G Long: 5.30 EP.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 11 S Euch, Mass for five voices (Berkeley), Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure), Fr D B Tiliyer. ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner St. SW3: 8 HC: 11 M. Jubilate (Weelkes), This is the record of John (Globons); 6.30 E, Preb McGowan. CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA. HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M. Responses (Smith). Te Deum (Tallis), Rev R Raikes. CHAPEL ROYAL SI James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles (Byrd), Canon I C Knox. CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M. Dyson in D, O for a closer walk with God (Stanford); 3.30 E, Lo, the full, final sacrifice (Finzl). QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: I I S Euch, Darke in F, Rev R Ballard, THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street 8.30 HC; II.15 MP. Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum in E (Gray). Rev L F P Gunner. GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks, SWI: 11 M. Ave Maria (Anon), Laetatus sum (Haydn), Rev LH Bryan. ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SEIO: 11 S Euch, Five part Mass (Byrd), Rev Clive French.

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CURTIS/FREUD - Eighard Curtis and Emma Freud are delighted to amounce the birth of their son on the tenth of June, at Saint Mary's Hospital, Paddington - A gorgeous brother to Scatlett.

GORDON - On 17th June 1997 at Edyal Surrey County Hospital, Gulldford, to Una (nee McGregor) and Nell, a lovely daughter, Antonia Frances, a sister for Madulaine.

KERSHAW - On June 14th at The Fortland Respital, to Clare and David, a son, Thomas Reginald Lawrence. Thomas Meginain Lawrence.

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19th June 1997 to Allson
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beautiful daughter, Emily, a
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BIRTHS McAULIFFE - On 5th May 1997 at Lymington Rospital, to Kate (nee Samuel) and Gerald, a daughter, Enuma Patricia Grace, a sister for Thomas MEALING - On June 18th 1997, to Clemency and William, a daughter, Coco Alexandra, a sister for William Henry.

DEATHS MIDMA - Ravindra and Kay are pleased to announce the birth of their son Owen David on 19th May 1997. MORRIS - On June 17th, to Lolita (née Obera) and David, a drughter, Stephanie Jane. ROSE - On June 11th 1997 at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Luciada (née Shepherd) and Christopher, a son, William Montagos, a brother for Alexander, Fersephone and Gabriella. VAMDERLIP - On June 19th, to Nashida (nee Islam) and Alex, a beautiful son, Zaki.

WACE - On June 19th at The Portland Rospital, to Fiona (née Hardy) and Ian, a daughter, Claudia Alicia. MARRIAGES

ERTÜRK:MACFARLANE - The ENTURKMECTANIAMS - For marriage took place on Thunday, June 19th, 1997 of Felicity, daughter of lan and Ena Macfarlane of St Martins, Guernsay and Settl, son of kirs Gulsom Ertürk and the late Mr Hadi Ertürk of Ankara, Turkey.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES SNOW:BUTTERWORTH - On June 21st 1997 at All Saints Church, Huthwaite, Kotts. Peter Samuel to Mildred With love & congratulations from Christopher, Sue, Alexandra and Benry.

AMOS - E.J. (Ted.) died peacefully, sped 72 yeats, on 18th June 1997 at St Johns Hospice, Moggerhanger, Funeral Service 2 pm on Wednesday 25th June at St Peters Church, Tempsford, followed by cremation at Norse Road Crematorium, Bedford, Family flowers only but donations for St Johns Sue Ryder Home, may be sent to AL & G. Abbott, Funeral Directors, 150 Bedford Road, Empston, ME42 8BE, tel no: 01234 843222. Memorial Service at Bedford School to be arranged later.

BARMETT - Stanley George
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on 17th june at home. Dearly
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and grandigther of Nicola
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DEATHS

FRANKEL - Mervyn. On june 19th suddenly in London aged 64 loved husband to jenny, devoted father to johnsthan, Richard, Andrew and Arrabella and grand papa to Katte, Louis and Qivia. Funenal in Jessey to be advised. A Memorial Service will be held in London.

HERLY - Robert Trelense aged 82 on 19th Jone at home, husband of Serena, father to Richenda and Jasper, grandfather to Rollo and Charlie, Funetal Service Thursday 26th June 2.30 pm at St Swithins, Compton Bassett. No flowers but donations to the Church Restoration Fund.

Hill-W000 - Mary Cecilia. Widow of Denis on Feday 20th June aged 90. Much loved mother, grandmother. great grandmother and aunt. Service of Thankadving to be immorated shortly. McDEARMED - Reginald (Mac) 19th June in Sydney, Australia, aged 84, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

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CATO CARTER - On june 19th 1997, peacefully at 1997, peacefully at Queensmount Nursing Home, Bournemouth, Edward Frederick, sped 87, much loved husband of Rame, dear tather of Colin, Estit and Nicholas and a devoted grandfather, Funeral ismity only. Memorial: Service in Loudon late. No norwers please. Donations, if desired, for Eoyal Star and Garier Home may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portuna Lodge Funeral Home. Bournemouth, BH7 6AN.

PRUST-WALTERS - On June 19th, very suddenly at her huma in Lennington Evelyn, much loved and missed mother, grandmother and quest-grandmother and quest-grandmother fold. Langun, 47 Marioes Road, Lennington WS GLA, tel: (0171) 937-0757. ARNEY - John Bichard, interpational blo-chemies, on 8th June in Sydney, Australia, as the result of a tragic accident. Saily missed by all family and friends.

VENABLES - Cladys Ada, died Wednesday 18th June, 1997, in Jersey, Wife of the late Elaroid Victor Venables, mother of the late Dedys Anne Gooch. MEMORIAL SERVICES

EPERCER - Vernon Mark. A flumanist Coremony to collaborate the life of Vernon Spences will be held at 5t Marylebona Cromatorium, East End Road, Finchley, London N2, at 3 pm on Thursday 26th Jane and afterwards at the Old Kitchen. Eenwood, Hampstead Lane, NW3. Stefanis, Natsaha and Tanya invite all Vernon's and Insirfetends to attend.

IN MEMORIAM --PRIVATE ALLEN - S.C.f. in lasting memory of my beloved Sam.

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CASSON - Margaret. To celebrate her life and work. Sedly missed, never forgotten.

PEMBERTON - Gayle Thetinda, dearly belowed 21 year old, treading chemistry at the University of Warwick, angiver of Trish and Eric, shater to Anne, Key and John, died on 21/22 Jane, 1996 after a heroic 18 mouth fight against leakasmia and its side effects. Cayle, prepared to accept treatment, pain and the rest to enable the fruition of her heart of years plane; was admired and continues to be missed by so many friends and collesquee from Si Martin's School, Mid-Warwickshire College, University, (where there is a Memorial Tree) and her her band and Mid-Warwiczsnie Couege, University, (where there is a Memorial Tree), and her three 'part-time' jobs. Gayle was interrod as she wished in a cardboard box at a greemield site on a farm in Lillobourse, near Rugby.

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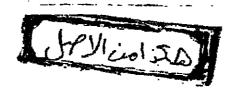
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HEATHER CHILD

Heather Child, MBE. calligrapher, heraldic artist, botanical illustrator and author, died in Petersfield. Hampshire, on June 18 aged 85. She was born in Winchester on November 3, 1911.

y the quality of her analysis and research into calligraphy, heraldry and symbolism. Heather Child made a major, if little acknowledged, contribution to those crafts and to lettering in this century. Her death deprives calligraphy of a figure of authority and integrity, and the crafts of one of their last links with some of the patriarchs and ideals of William Morris's Arts and Crafts revival.

Child became keenly interested in botany as a schoolgirl, and made careful drawings of the wild flowers in the countryside around Winchester. At 16 she overcame her parents' fears and enrolled at Chelsea School of Art. There, under M. C. Oliver - an early student of Edward Johnston, the father of modern calligraphy - she developed an enduring love of letters. And at the same age she was taken to meet Thomas Hardy, whose Wessex she celebrated in 1935 in a splendid calligraphic map now to be seen in the Dorset County Museum.

She spent the war years in Dorset During the war she returned to Dorset running the blood transfusion service, and it was not until 1949 that she returned to London. She was soon working as a freelance calligrapher from a flat in the Cromwell Road which she shared with the painter Dorothy Colles in an unusually productive meeting of minds and enthusiasm. In 1956 alone, alongside many smaller.

commissions, she published her first books, Decorative Maps and the Collins Pocket Guide to Wild Flowers. Her later books were milestones in their fields: Heraldic Design (1965) was a much-needed statement of contemporary practice: Christian Symbols (1971), written with Dorothy Colles, was a richly illustrated study of the relationship between the pastoral symbolism of the early Church and its artistic interpretation.

Her pieces were well-balanced, purposeful and clear to the reader: unfashionable virtues. As well as her many illustrated maps, she produced the Arms of the Guilds of the City of London, and was one of the calligraphers to work on the RAF and USAF Books of Remembrance under the direction of Alfred

She will be best remembered, however, as editor of Edward Johnston's Formal Penmanship, published in 1971 and regarded as among the most important manifestos of 20th-century craftsmanship. The published text gives little indication of the difficulties of ten gruelling years with the manuscript: ironically, Johnston's dense corrections made it anything but easy to decipher.

Formal Penmanship was followed in 1986 by a further collection of Johnston's unpublished papers, Lessons in Formal Writing, in which she was once again able to reveal the rare quality of Johnston's

Child emerged virtually unscathed from her long involvement as an astute tactician with the often destructive gatherings of craftsmen drawn together under the Federation of British Craft Societies, whose chairman she was from 1973 to 1976, and the Crafts Council, of which she was a member from 1974

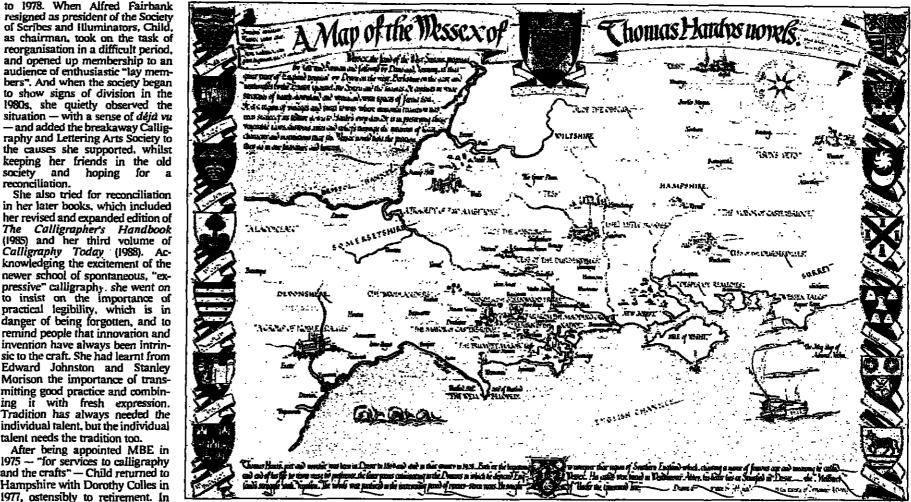
to 1978. When Alfred Fairbank resigned as president of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, Child. as chairman, took on the task of reorganisation in a difficult period. and opened up membership to an audience of enthusiastic "lay mem-bers". And when the society began to show signs of division in the 1980s, she quietly observed the situation — with a sense of déja vu - and added the breakaway Calligraphy and Lettering Arts Society to the causes she supported, whilst

society and hoping for a reconciliation. She also tried for reconciliation in her later books, which included her revised and expanded edition of The Calligrapher's Handbook (1985) and her third volume of Calligraphy Today (1988). Acknowledging the excitement of the newer school of spontaneous, "expressive" calligraphy, she went on to insist on the importance of practical legibility, which is in danger of being forgotten, and to

remind people that innovation and invention have always been intrinsic to the craft. She had learnt from Edward Johnston and Stanley Morison the importance of transmitting good practice and combining it with fresh expression. Tradition has always needed the individual talent, but the individual talent needs the tradition too.

After being appointed MBE in 1975 - "for services to calligraphy and the crafts" - Child returned to Hampshire with Dorothy Colles in 1977, ostensibly to retirement. In 1980 she surprised many people by producing a very modern calli-graphic panel, The Sun in Splendour, for the Victoria and Albert Museum's Universal Penman

In 1977 she became a trustee of



An early work by Heather Child, showing the locations of novels by Thomas Hardy, whom she met in his last years

the Crafts Study Centre, Bath, which became a favoured destination, along with the Ditchling Museum, for her most distinguished — perhaps unrivalled —

collection of 20th-century calligraphy. She had also helped the National Art Library at the V&A to build up its excellent collection of modern German calligraphy, and throughout the Cold War.

she recently presented the library with a complete set of books by Villu Toots, the Estonian scribe with whom she had corresponded

ing lights and the terror of

drying up in mid-speech. To his great pleasure and

embarrassment he was the

first TV priest to be sent fan

mail. In one sermon he ex-

plained that God's love was

similar to television: millions

had the chance to receive His

message if only they switched

on. (Such comparisons were

fresh, all those years ago.)

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ed a letter from a scared lady,

who was convinced that Gar-

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diner was God incarnate.

Dorothy Colles, with whom she had lived and worked since 1949, is still active as a portraitist. Heather Child is survived by a sister, Oenone Cave.

CALTHORPE

Gough-Calthorpe, heir to the

eighth baron. But his father

died young and Peter's elder

brother - who became the

ninth baron - was killed in

to have been separated earlier

this century.

Peter Gough-Calthorpe

went to Stowe and later took a

three-year commission in the

Welsh Guards. On leaving the

Army he learnt to fly, and fell

in love with aviation. After

earning his commercial pilot's

licence, he gained experience

with an air charter firm in



Lord Calthorpe, airline owner, writer and heatrical backer, died on May 23, aged 69. He was born on July 13, 1927.

AS AN adventure writer, under the pen-name of Peter Somerset, Lord Calthorpe was assiduous about research. To experience the rigours of a shipwreck, he once paddled out to sea after Sunday lunch (smoked salmon followed by roast beef) to spend four days adrift in the English Channel with only a little water and some chocolate for sustenance.

Another book attracted substantial advance publicity when he declared that he was setting it in a brothel, and that he would collect his material in situ - reportedly with the approval of his first wife. For better or worse, however, the book did not appear. Born Peter Waldo Somerset

Gough-Calthorpe, he was the younger son of Frederick

lived for much of the time on a vacht and was known to most of his colleagues as "Pete Calthorpe". He left in 1960 to found Mercury Airlines. His small fleet operated between Manchester Airport and several internal destinations for four years. Short of capital, he then sold out to British Midland,

From there he moved to Aer

Lingus in Dublin, where he

and embarked on a new career as a popular novelist, subsequently living in Jersey and the Isle of Man. he applied himself to his type-ATILET WILD ZESL STATU at around 5 am and continuing until late at night -although he averaged only 600 words a day. His first adventure story,

1945 in a flying accident while The Sea Wraith, was a modest serving as an officer in the success, selling 5,000 copies RAF. Peter therefore succeedwhen it appeared in 1967. ed him, at the age of 18, as the There followed A Break in The 10th Lord Calthorpe. Clouds (1968), drawing not The peerage had been only on his experiences in the created in the 18th century for air, but upon some diligent political services. The family, research among Soho's stripclubs. He also wrote plays and whose motto was "The Same Way by Different Steps", once poetry and, some 20 years ago. emerged as a theatrical backer owned land in several parts of in the West End the country, but the title and much of their money are said

His first wife, Saranne, whom he married in 1956, was an air hostess and former model who had been chosen by Aer Lingus as the cover girl for its pocket calendar. But the marriage was dissolved in 1971, and in 1979 he married his second wife Elizabeth, who survives him. He had no children and no heir, so the 200-year-old title died

The Rev John Gardiner, OBE, Secretary to the Joint Intelligence

Committee and priest died on May 20 aged 79. He was born in Simla. India, on January 19, 1918.

IN A life of quite extraordinary variety, John Gardiner was at different times a Royal Marine, an intelligence officer, a priest, marriage guidance counsellor and sex therapist. He was also one of the very early TV priests.

John Kingsmill Gardiner

School and joined the Royal Marines in 1937. In the cruiser Suffolk he saw early action off Norway as the navy bombarded Stavanger aerodrome. But Suffolk was discovered by German divebombers and became a sitting target. For seven hours, Gardiner and the men in the gun turret he was commanding could only endure, as waves of Stukas attacked. The turret became a fireball after a direct hit. Gardiner was found unconscious and badly burnt. Few from the turret survived. In April 1940, Gardiner was

a result of his injuries. It always made him smile that though he was deemed mentally too fragile to command, he was seconded to military intelligence. His three children were told "Daddy works in an office", which modestly understated the secret Cabinet War Rooms under loft of concrete in Whitehall. He

discharged from active duty as

would spend long hours in the claustrophobic conditions, so cut off from the world that a wooden sign was used to tell the workers whether it was raining outside.

Intelligence Committee under Churchill, it was his job to ensure that every scrap of intelligence was known by every member. If everything was not in order he would face the wrath of some of the highest ranking men in Allied Command, including the Prime Minister. He described Churchill as an extraordinary man who was to be avoided unless strictly necessary, and then approached as "if he were

another boxer in the ring". For his skill at running committees, Gardiner was appointed OBE. If asked what work he received it for, he would reply with his usual modesty, "Other Blokes' modesty, Efforts".

He continued to work after the Second World War, travelling to Korea as ADC to Field Marshal the Earl Alexander of Tunis, who was then, as Minister of Defence, observing the war at close quarters. While in Korea, a plane he was travelling in overshot the runway, and the accident exacerbated Gardiner's previous war injuries. When he returned to

London, he was invalided out of the service and embraced a calling he had had for many years. He had always said he wanted to be a priest. As he would say, "Back then, it was the only way a man could be a social worker and still be respected.

He applied for selection for ordination and went to Bishops' College, Cheshunt, to train for the ministry. His first and only curacy was in one of London's more deprived areas: Latimer Road, west London. He was then posted to the living of St Olave's, Woodberry Down, in north London, an estate of postwar flats.

Because of his experience working with the poor, he was asked to speak for ten minutes at a cierical conference. Elderly speakers droned on for

THE REV JOHN GARDINER

hours each, eating into his precious time until he had just three minutes to make his point. Ignoring his script he made a furious attack on the old Church, "who, like today, As secretary to the Joint have pushed out the young speakers in order to hear their

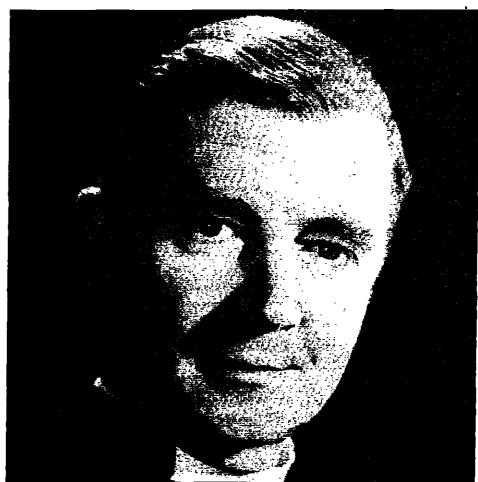
> own tired voices more loudly". As he calmed down afterwards, a man approached him who did not have the air of a clergyman. "You certainly put your point forward well. How would you like to be on television?" Television was in its infancy, and a religious thought to end each evening's programmes had been s gested. So in the mid-1950s Gardiner became part of the original team of ITV's live night-time programme The

Epilogue. For him it was a new world of thick make-up, crosses made of tinfoil, blind-

brought him and his family to the Wiltshire living Hardenhuish with Woodlands, Chippenham. As parish priest, Gardiner regularly gave talks to the Round Table, where he met a group speaking about their work in marriage guidance. He told his wife Elizabeth that this was what he wished to devote the rest of his life to. Mending and saving mar-

riages now became crucial goals of his. Many couples owe their successful marriages to this strong, gentle man, who could never condemn anyone. Marriage guidance counsellors sometimes pass clients on to specialists in particular areas, and as Gardiner was sent more and more "problem" cases, he decided to take up sex therapy full-time. He was unshockable, permissive, and argued that "a perversion is only what someone perceives to be a perversion".

John Gardiner is survived by his wife Elizabeth, whom he married in 1940, and by two



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present eruption of Etna may prove as calamitous as that of 1911, which occurred in the same zone of Sicily, and may even be worse. It was hoped that the first messages, as is often the case, were exaggerating the gravity of the disaster, but today, unfortunately, it is no longer possible to doubt it. More than 20,000 people are already home-less; the countryside is devastated, farms and villages are buried, and the burning torrent continues its descent, amid loud explosions, under a gloomy and blackened sky.

The Special Correspondent of the Corriers

della Sera, in a message despatched from Catania last night, says that the lava moves slowly. In one and a half hours it had moved only 40 yards, but the decrease in speed was due to the fact that its front end had widened. It had a width of 750 yards and a depth of nearly 25 feet. From time to time the torrent of lava seemed to rest, and in these short pauses its crusty surface appeared as though it were hardening and consolidating, but shortly afterwards the crust would break up again with a crash, throwing up and around bubbling and boiling masses of lava, and then

ON THIS DAY

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A later report gave the width of the lava flow as more than a mile with a depth of 30 feet.

the forward movement would be resumed. Fearful roarings were continuously heard. The damage to the land is already great, pretty groves of almond and nut trees have disappeared, forests of oak, copper beech, and birch have been enveloped in black clouds of smoke, broken now and again by the sudden flashing of flames. The beautiful pine woods of Castiglione have vanished. An incessant rain of lapilli in a thin dust is falling on the ferns, shrubs, and broom bushes. A layer of this lapilli an inch deep blackens the roads. gardens, and roofs of the houses, giving the impression of an immense shroud laid over a mourning country. A pitiful sight is presented by the peasants and small farmers, who

cannot be persuaded to leave their homes but stick to them to the last. Then they try to save as much as they can, sometimes carrying away on their shoulders their most precious possessions. The work of rescue is carried out by the Carabinieri and the National Militia in a fine spirit of sacrifice. On the roads there is a continuous stream of lorries and carts. At Piedimonti the population brought out from the church the statue of St. Anthony, their patron saint, and placed it in the central square of the village. These superstitious scenes lasted the whole night, while the church bells were ringing the tocsin. At Linguaglossa on Tuesday morning the inhabits took the pastoral staff from the statue of St. Egidius, the patron saint of Linguaglossa, and carried it in a supplicatory procession along the front of the lava. The popular belief is that on a previous occasion the staff of the saint had miraculously stayed the descent of the lava. But the population of Castiglione, when it heard of this procession, became excited and plarmed. The miracle, they thought, might have resulted in diverting the course of the lava from the direction of Linguaglossa to that of Castiglione. Therefore they marched to Linguaglossa, intending to stop the procession. A fight then broke out between the two factions.

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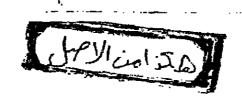
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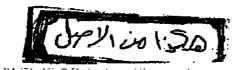
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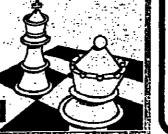
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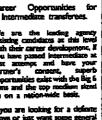


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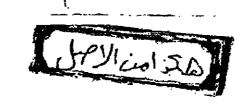
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Evidential use of computer printouts

Brixton Prison and Another, Ex parte Levin Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann and Lord Hutton

Computer printouts were not be regarded as hearsay because they were proof of transfers of funds and showed a record of such transfers which was created by the interaction between those who requested them and the computer.

Evidentially they were like a photocopy of a forged cheque.

Section 69(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 provided for an additional requirement for the admissibility of computer printouts in criminal proceedings. The section did not make admissible such evidence as was otherwise inadmissible. Since orders made in extradition

oroceedings were made in a crim-9(2) of, and paragraph 6(1) of 1989 required extradition proceedings to be conducted "as nearly as may be as if they were committee oroceedings before magistrates. they were criminal proceedings. magistrate was entitled to apply the normal rules of criminal vidence and procedure.
The House of Lords so held

dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Vladimir Levin, from the dismissal of his application for a writ of habeas corpus by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Justice Morison) (The Times March II, 1996; [1997] QB 65). On September 20, 1995, Mr R. Bartle, the Bow Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate. ordered that Mr Levin should be detained at Brixton Prison to await for his extradition to the United States of America to face 66 charges including theft, forgery, unauthorised access to a computer with intent to commit an offence

and false accounting.

Mr Levin applied for a writ of habeas corpus ad subjiciendum directed to the Governor of Brixton Prison. He challenged his commi tal on the ground, inter alia, that say and could not be admitted under section 69 of the 1984 Act since that section did not apply to extradition proceedings which were not criminal proceedings.

The United States Government had sought the extradition of Mr Levin to face trial on 66 charges concerning his alleged unauthorised access, by means of his own computer in St Petersburg. Russia, to the computer of Citibank NA in Parsipanny. New various bank accounts controlled by him and his associates.

Mr Levin was charged before the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York with the Federal offences of wire fraud and bank fraud and certain offences relating to the misuse of compulers. Section 69 of the 1984 Act

ment in a document produced by a computer shall not be admissible as evidence of any fact stated therein unless it is shown — (a) that there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the statement is use of the computer; (b) that at all material times the computer was operating properly, or if not, that any respect in which it was not operating properly or was out of operation was not such as to affect the production of the document or

the accuracy of its contents. . . " Mr Alun Jones, QC and Mr James Lewis for Mr Levin; Mr Paul Garlick, QC and Mr David Perry for the Governor of Brixton Prison and the Government of the United States of America.

LORD HOFFMANN said that before the magistrate evidence was given by Mr Byron T. Yancey, executive director of Citibank global cash management services, Mr Kevin L. Shearan, head of technology for cash management systems of Ciribank and Mr Korolkov, an accomplice of Mr Levin. The magistrate had computer printouts before him.

Mr Jones submitted that the computer printouts were inadmissible because they were hearsay. In criminal proceedings they would the admissible under section 69 of the 1984 Acr but extradition proceedings were held not to be criminal proceedings in R v Gov-Francis (1995) | WLR 1121).

The printouts were tendered to prove the transfers of funds which

the interaction between whoever purported to request the transfers and the computer. The evidential status of the printouts was no different from that of a photocopy of a forged cheaue.

If the printours were hearsay, ection 69 would not make the admissible. That section did not make admissible any evidence which would otherwise be inadmissible: R v Shephard ([1993] AC 380). It was an additional equirement for the admissibility of any statement, original of hearsay, which was produced by a

Extradition proceedings were criminal proceedings. They were, of course, criminal proceedings of a very special kind, but were criminal proceedings nonetheless.

In Amand v Home Secretary and Minister of Defence of Royal Netherlands Government [1943] AC 147) the House approved the Court of Appeal decision in Ex-parte Alice Woodhall ((1888) 20 QBD 832) that the refusal of an application for habeas corpus by a erson committed to prison with a in a criminal cause or matter.

the extradition proceedings themselves were criminal proceedings. Section 9(2) of and paragraph o(l) of Schedule I tof the Extradition Act 1989 required that extradition proceedings should be conducted "as nearly as may be" as if they were committal proceedings before magistrates. Committal

National Trust for Places of

Historic Interest or Natural

Beauty v Knipe and Another

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice

Premises let as an agricultural

holding, even if there was a

dwelling upon the holding, did not

constitute premises let as a dwell-

the Protection from Eviction Act

The Court of Appeal so held in

allowing an appeal by the land-lord, National Trust for Places of

Historic Interest or Natural

Beauty, against a decision of Mr

Recorder Briggs sitting at Lan-caster County Court whereby he

dismissed the landlord's claim for

possession of an agricultural holdne against the tenants, Ronald

Richard Knipe and Richard

George Knipe on the ground that the notice to quit was defective because it did not include the

information prescribed by section

Section 5 provides: "(I) ... no

notice by a landlurd or a tenant to

5 of the 1977 Act.

ng for the purposes of section 5 of

[Judgment May 15]

It would follow, a fortiori, that

inal proceedings and those pro-visions would make little sense if the magistrate could not apply the normal rules of criminal evidence

Mr Jones submitted that if his first argument failed he would contend that extradition proceedings were indeed criminal proceedings.

It would follow that the magistrate had the discretion conferred by section 78(1) of the 1984 Act to refuse to allow evidence on which the prosecution proposed to rely if appeared to him that the mission of the evidence would have "such an adverse effect on the mess of the proceedings that the court ought not to admit it". When the section was being

applied to committal or extradition

proceedings, the question was whether the admission of the evidence would have such an adverse effect on the fairness of those proceedings that the court ought not to admit it. The magistrate should ordinarily assume that the powers available to the trial judge would ensure that the proceedings at the trial were fair. However, in the instant case the magistrate was not asked to exercise a discretion, under the section because Ex parte Francis was binding on him. It was doubtful if it was proper to complain that he failed to exercise

Lord Goff, Lord Nicholls, Lord Stevn and Lord Hutton agreed. Solicitors: Revnolds Dawson: Crown Prosecution Service.

Agricultural notice

to quit valid

Housing duty enforceable only in public law

O'Rourke v Camden London Borough Council Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Steyn and Lord

|Speeches June 12| A housing authority could not be sued in tort for damages for a breach of its duty under section 03(1) of the Housing Act 1985 to provide temporary accommoda-tion pending inquiries as to whether an applicant was home-less. The duty was enforceable only in public law, by proceedings for

allowing an appeal by Camden London Borough Council from the order of the Court of Appeal (Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Hutchison) ((1996) 28 HLR 600) reinstating, in an action against the council by the nlaintill. Peter O'Rourke, which Judge Tibber at Central London County Court had struck out, such part of the particulars of claim as related to an alleged breach of statutory duty under section 63(1).

The House of Lords so held in

Section 63 of the 1985 Act provides: "(1) If the local housing thority have reason to believe that an applicant may be homeless and have a priority need, they shall secure that accommodation is made available for his occupation nding a decision as a result of their inquiries under section 62." Section 62 concerns inquiries whether an applicant is homeless

and in priority need.

The plaintiff had averred in that part of his claim relating to section 63(1) that, having been placed by the council in temporary accommodation pending a decision but then evicted, no further accommodation had been secured pending the final determination of his

Mr Ashley Underwood, Mr Bryan McGuire and Mr Kelvin Rutledge for the council; Mr Richard Drabble, QC and Mr Martin Russell for the plaintiff.

LORD HOFFMANN said that the question was whether section 63(1) created a duty to the plaintiff which was actionable in tort. There was no doubt that, like several other provisions in Part III of the Act, it created a duty which was enforceable by proceedings for judicial review. But whether it gave rise to a cause of action sounding in damages depended upon whether the Act showed a legislative intention to create such

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There were certain contra-in-dications. The Act was a scheme of social welfare, intended to confer benefits at the public expense on the ground of public policy. It was not simply a private matter be-ween the claimant and the hous-

The fact that Parliament had provided for the expenditure of public money on benefits in kind such as housing the homeless did not necessarily mean that it intended cash payments to be made by way of damages to persons who, in breach of the housing authority's statutory duty, had unfortunately not received the benefits which they should have

Second, Part III of the Act made the existence of the duty to provide accommodation dependent upon a good deal of judgment on the part of the housing authority. That made it unlikely that Parliament intended errors of judgment to give rise to an obligation to make financial reparation. Control by

public law remedies appeared much more appropriate. Mr Drabble had said that the question of whether Parliament could have contemplated enforcement of the Part III duties by udicial review rather than private action had to be considered in the light of the state of public law in 1977, when the provisions of Par III were first enacted as the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977. But when the 1977 Act was passed, the machinery for enforcing it by judicial review was in

The question of the appropriate remedy for breach of the duties owed under the 1977 Act had been considered by the House in Cocks : Thaner District Council (1983) 2 with whom the other members of the House agreed, decided that no duty in private law could arise until the housing authority had made its inquiries and decided whether or not it was satisfied as to the various matters upon which the existence of the duty depended. Until the authority had declared itself so satisfied, its decision could be challenged only by judicial

That had been sufficient to dispose of the appeal. Lord Bridge went on, however, to say that a duty in private law would arise once the housing authority had made a decision in the applicant's favour. The fact that the housing authority was charged with exec utive functions was treated as sufficient to establish a private law

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Group Newspapers Ltd. on an

application under Order 14 of the

Rules of the Supreme Court for a declaration of his entitlement to

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quiry as to damages in respect of the publication without licence.

duty. No doubt because the ques-tion did not have to be decided, Lord Bridge did not undertake a careful examination of the statutory intent such as he afterwards made in R v Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison, Ex parte Hague ([1992] | AC 58, 157-101). His Lordship felt sure that if he had, he would have expressed a different

The concept of a duty in private law which arose only when it had been acknowledged to exist was anomalous. It meant that a housing authority which accepted that it had a duty to house the applicant but did so inadequately would be liable in damages but an authority which perversely refused to accept that it had any such duty would

Mr Drabble had accepted Cocks as authority for the proposition that the Part III duties which depended upon the housing au-thority being satisfied or not being satisfied as to various matters gave rise to no private cause of action in

But he said that the temporary duty under section 63(1) was different. It did not depend upon the authority being subjectively sat-islied. It was framed in objective terms and arose if the authority had reason to believe that the applicant was homeless and had a priority need.

His Lordship recognised the difference in language, although he observed that despite its objective form, the nature of the subject matter might incline a court to allow a housing authority some latitude in deciding whether it had reason to believe the facts giving rise to the duty.

But the main difficulty he had with the argument was that it required the court to suppose that in an Act imposing a number of important duties which were accepted as enforceable only public law, Parliament had inlended to embed one temporary duty enforceable by a private action in tort. There seemed no rational explanation for such a

Accordingly, the breach of statu-tory duty of which the plaintiff complained gave rise to no cause of action in private law. Thornton v Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council (|1979] QB 626) [to contrary effect] was wrongly decided. Lord Goff, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls and Lord Steyn agreed.

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Automatic directions apply after pre-trial review

Edmondson v Scottish and Newcastle Breweries ple and

Others Before Lord Justice Brooke and

(Judgment May 22) Where a district judge caused a notice in Form N23 to be sent to parties in an action for the our poses set out in Order 17, rule 10 of

the County Court Rules that in

itself did not disapply automatic The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal by Ryan Edmondson, the plaintiff, against an order of Judge Brown in Workington County Court on August 9, 1996 that his personal injury action against Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc, the defendants, and Mr M. Black and

struck out. The district judge had not been satisfied with the defence served and had issued a notice in Form N233 for directions. The district judge, at the parties' request, had ordered adjournment of the directions hearing sine die. On delivery

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of a satisfactory defence the court had notified the parties that auto-matic directions would apply.

The judge had found that the district judge had ordered a pre-trial review but it had been adjourned sine die and no directions were given which were incompatible with automatic direc-

Mr Roger Stewart for the appellant; Mr Richard Craven for the company; Mr Kevin J. O'Donovan for the third parties. .

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE, giving the judgment of the court, did not accept the submission by Mr O'Donovan that a court could only review be held, so as to disapply automatic directions pursuant to rule 11 2(a), after pleadings were deemed to be closed.

Their Lordships could envisage a district judge making such an order in a multi-defendant case where some defendants had not been served and were not likely to he served.

And there might, on occasion, be a fine line to be drawn between a case in which a district judge directed that a notice should be

given to the parties requiring them to appear before him for the purposes specified in Order 17, rule 10 and a case in which he made a clear order that a pre-trial review be held. But their Lordships were under

a duty to try to give practical effect appeared that it would be absurd that in every case where a district judge caused a notice in Form N233 to be sent to the parties for the purposes set out in rule 10, that ipso facto disapplied automatic directions even if the district judge was almost immediately persuaded by the responses to the form notice that no specific directions were needed at all and that automatic directions could continue to run.

If a plaintiff asserted that he had been genuinely and reasonably misled by the notice in Form N233, then that would give grounds for reinstatement under Bannister v SGB plc (The Times May 2) but no such suggestion was made in the present case.

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quit any premises let ... as a dwelling shall be valid unless — (a) it is in writing and contains such information as may be prescribed...

"(2) In this section 'prescribed' prescribed egulations

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr William Blatstone, solicitor, for the landlord: Mr Paul Morgan, QC and Mr Stephen Jourdan for the LORD JUSTICE PILL said the

information prescribed by section was quite inappropriate to an agricultural tenancy.

Although the subject matter of the letting included a dwelling, section 5 could not be read as if it used the expression "premises which include a dwelling" or "any dwelling house let as part of

It followed that the notice to quit was valid and was not rendered invalid by the absence of a notice containing the prescribed

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE, concurring, said that the notice to quit had complied meticulously cultural Holdings Act 1986 which provided the statutory foundation of the system designed to protect agricultural tenants from unreasonable, oppressive or precipitate notices to quit.

For the purposes of the 1986 Act an "agricultural holding" was the aggregate of the land, whether agricultural or not, comprised in a contract tenancy which was a contract for an agricultural tenancy not being a contract under which the land was let to the tenant for the purpose of his employment or any other appointment by the

landlord. The crucial question was whether the actual or contem-

That definition was not on its face apt to describe "any premises let as a dwelling" within section 5 of the 1977 Act.

instant tenancy of an agricultural holding included a dwelling house used as a residence within section t of the 1977 Act but the dwelling house did not amount to premises

let as a dwelling within section 5. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed. Solicitors: Burges Salmon, Bris-tol; Cartmell Shepherd, Carlisle.

plated use of the land was agricultural.

In his Lordship's judgment the

Leeming of flying an aircraft so as

retrospectively an appropriate li-cence fee, was unjustified and The plaintiff's action against The Times, which had previously published the photograph, was ordered to continue to trial. Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division on June 19 when granting summary judg-ment to François-Marie Banier,

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN Said that newspapers might nor-said that newspapers might no said that newspapers might no s

unjustified and unlawful Banier v News Group News- the photographer and owner of the mally get away with their common copyright in a photograph of Princess Caroline of Monaco pubproceedings might be from a

> view worth taking. It might be economic to publish and be damned. But it was plainly unjustified and unlawful and the sooner that was recognised the better for all concerned. The adoption of that

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infringe copyright. News Group Newspapers had failed to establish the defence of fair dealing within section 30 of the

Causing annoyance by flying

Regina v Paine

papers Ltd

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The mens rea required for causing annoyance by flying was an intention so to fly or recklessness whether such annoyance was

The Courts-Martial Appeal Court (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Forbes and Mr Justice Eady) so stated on May 23 when allowing the appeal of Flight Lieutenant Nicholas Paine against his conviction on March 14, 1996, at a General Court Martial at

unnecessary annoyance to any person, contrary to section 52 of the Air Force Act 1955 for which he was sentenced to a fine of £500 and a severe reprimand.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the Assistant Judge Advocate General was right to hold that mens rea was a necessary element of the offence. but he was wrong to direct the members of the court martial that the relevant mental state was that the accused "knew or ought to have

to cause or being likely to cause known" that what he did would cause or be likely to cause unnecessary annoyance.

The necessary mens rea was an intention to fly so as to cause or he likely to cause annoyance or recklessness as to whether annoyance was or was likely to be caused, and that as to the meaning of pecklessness, the approach of the Court of Appeal in R v Kimber ([1983] 77 Cr App R 225) was to be preferred to that in R v Caldwell (1982) AC 3411 and R v Lawrence

Assigning categories for handling waste There was nothing in article 10

and Another

Before Mr Justice Carnwath [Judgment May 22]

On the proper interpretation of EC Regulation 259/93 (OJ 1993 L30/I), which regulated the shipment of waste for recovery, a mixture of imported waste materials, all of which were individually assigned to the green list of the least harmless material, was not by reason of the fact of mixture alone to be treated as unassigned waste which was subject to the more restrictive red list procedures.

Mr Justice Carnwath sitting as an additional judge of the Qu Bench Division so ruled allowing an application by Dockgrange Lid and Mayer Parry Ltd for judicial review by way of a declaration in respect of the decisions/policy of the Environment Agency to take enforcement action against them from October 1996.

Mr Michael Fordham and Mr Richard Macrory for the ap-plicants; Mr James Findlay for the agency.

concerned in the importation of specific types of waste for the purpose of metal recovery. The recovered metal was sold to scrap dealers and the unwanted material was sent to landfills. The imported waste had been through various processes at plants in Holland and Germany and the octivities in the United Kingdom were the last

(OJ 1975 L194/39) of July 15, 1975 laid down the requirement for an integrated system of control of waste disposal installations in

Regina v Environment Agency. Ex parte Dockgrange Ltd member states. Its preamble emphasised the need to protect human health and the environ-ment against the harmful effects of the collection, transport and treatment of waste but it also emphasised that "the recovery of waste and the use of recovered materials should be encouraged in order to conserve natural re-

sources". The preamble to Regulation 259/93 explained that its purpose was the need to "organise supervision and control of shipments of waste [so as to] preserve, protect and improve the quality of the environment". The shipments of waste for

recovery were regulated by listing three categories of assigned waste, green, amber and red, which attracted differing degrees of regulated the state of the stat latory control. The green wastes were were regarded as posing the least environmental problems and attracted the least restrictive

and the consignee and the usual commercial description of the waste. Red wastes and unassigned wastes were governed by article 10. which provided more strict controls.

It was Dockgrange's case that the waste which it imported fell within the green list because each could be identified as one listed in

constituent of the waste mixture

and plastic, and small quantities of gold, silver, wood and labric each of which was specified in the annexe. From April 1994 they imported those mixtures under the green list procedure. In August 1996 the Environment

Agency, which was established under the Environment Act 1995, indicated to Dockgrange that "car fragmentiser waste" was not listed in the annexes and therefore had to and the red list procedure applied. The only element of fragmentiser waste which was separately assigned to the amber

list was in fact removed by the first stage of the rectwery cycle after shredding and was not imported by Dockgrange. It was imported by Mayer Parry but treated as a separate item under the amber list. Following that decision Dockgrange had not imported any

waste mixtures not only because of the delay caused by the need to obtain consent before despatch but also because of the differences of asso occuse of the different countries. The German authorities traditionally treated the different waste mixtures from fragmentiers as green waste and were therefore reluctant to process and list positionium.

a red list notification. His Lordship said that often the court was reluctant to make declarations where it would preempt the decision of the crin court charged with the facts of a

However, in this case no criminal proceedings had yet been commenced and it was vitally important for all parties to know what the legal position was so that they could order their affairs itself which said that wastes could not be mixed. If one simply applied the words to the present case the individual components of the mix-ture were all listed in annexe II and it could not therefore be said that they were shipments of wastes which had not been assigned in the

It would be different if the combined mixture itself were the subject of separate listing in one of the annexes. This was a case where the individual wastes in the mixture could be adequately identified as harmless and where there could be substantial compliance with the obligation to state their quantities. At the end of the day it would be a matter for a criminal court before which a prosecution was instituted to determine whether the regula-

tions had been sufficiently com-But it was appropriate for the agency, as principal prosecuting authority, to have a policy on the matter. A court was likely to be

There was in his Lordship's view more flexibility within the system than the agency's policy allowed. In particular, the degree of accuracy required in specifying quantities of individual components, at least in green list cases, was a matter on which the agency could allow some latitude, consis-tently with the objects of the

regulation. Nothing was more likely to bring disrepute on the systems of control under the European Treaty than over-rigid application of the criteria resulting in needless

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MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the applicants were

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Council Directive 75/442/EEC

The annexes contained detailed lists respectively of green, amber and red wastes. For green wastes no prior notification of the authority was required but the ship-ments had to be accompanied by certain information such as the name and address of the holder

the relevant annexe. Thus one mixture comprised

accordingly. It was therefore aluminium, magnesium, rubber appropriate to rule on the issue.

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Aitken may face perjury trial

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Parkinson is new Tory Party chairman

■ William Hague gave John Redwood an important job in his Shadow Cabinet as he astonished the political world by bringing back Lord Parkinson as party chairman. The top jobs were given Pages 1, 4 to rightwingers.

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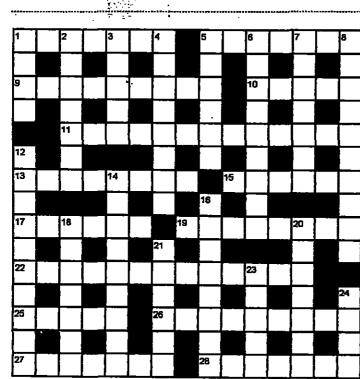
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Reasonable message in general

Channel's depth is a problem (8).

5 Foreign character getting on top of insignificant action by rebels

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7 Feat of former pilot — look, getting higher than 1 (7).

Currently overwhelmed, take

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12 Support head's position (10).14 It shows highs and lows putting end to investment girl set up (6,3).

16 Knight using weapon a good deal

18 Turn stream of water on a big

20 Such reasoning excellent to trap

Express runner, say, tired out inhaling oxygen (6).

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religious leader (1.6).

24 See below river bank (4).

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ACROSS

- 1 Amateur criminal runs gambling
- scheme (7). 5 Motorway that is wide in the middle of US region (7).
- 9 Drops flying, meaning to go on car ride (9).
- 10 India's ready to take nothing from Europe, possibly (5).
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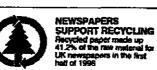
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north. Generally cool, ☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: brief bright intervals between frequent heavy showers or longer spells of rain. Wind SW fresh to

☐ N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, NE England: mainly dry

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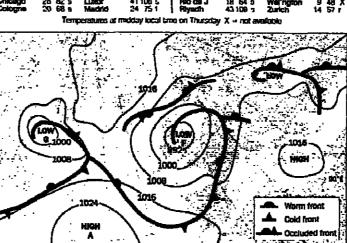
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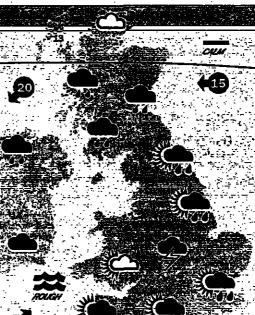
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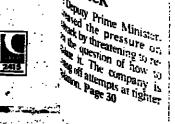
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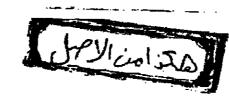


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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

SATURDAY JUNE 21 1997

Rate rise fears push pound to new high

THE POUND surged to a markets had been forecasting nost-ERM high yesterday as interest rates would rise to speculation grew in the money markets that the Bank of England is set to make hefty rate rises.

The pound closed up 22 pfennigs at DM2.8647, helpng sterling's trade weighted index reach a five-year high at 101.2. The pound also made ground against the dollar, from \$1.6463 to \$1.6539.

Strong economic data published this week, which shows consumer spending booming, has led economists to revise interest rate predictions upwards. New data published yesterday showed credit card spending and consumer confidence close to all-time highs.

But interest rate and Budget fears continued to trouble the stock market, with the FTSE 100 closing down 59.8 points, at 4,593.9. The market has fallen 190 points this week nearly 4 per cent of its total value - since last Friday's record high. Traders said that dominate the FTSE is likely to continue to struggle.

The pound's strength prompted rumours that the Bank of England was checking prices in the market with a view to intervening to dampen sterling's strength, although the Bank made no move yesterday. Traders believe the pound will remain strong, with the forecast rate rises leaving UK rates well above levels in Europe and in America, where expectations of further rate rises have receded in the past few weeks. Until recently the money

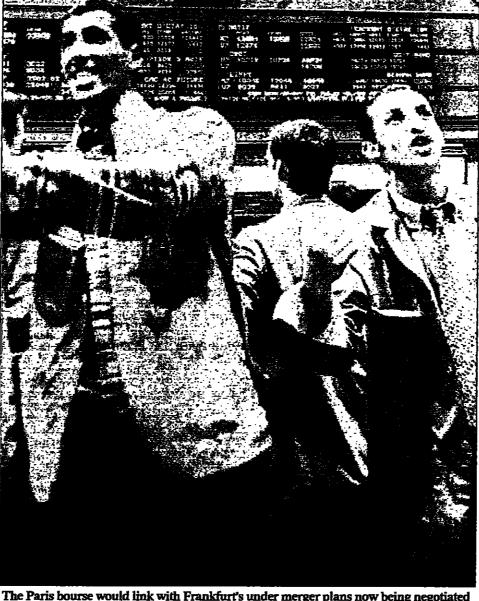
around 7.25 per cent by the end of the year. But Michael Dicks, UK economist at Lehman Brothers, yesterday pre-dicted rates could reach 9 per cent next year unless there are tax rises to the tune of £7 billion in the Budget.

The pound will also benefit from further EMU uncertainty and market fears that Europe is heading for a soft single currency. Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, predicted the pound will head towards DM2.90 and did not rule out a further rise towards DM3.00, above the old ERM central parity rate of DM2.95. New evidence of the boom-

ing consumer sector emerged in credit card data yesterday, which showed total credit and debit card spending jumping to £8.2 billion, a rise of 19 per cent from May 1996.

Card spending on house-hold goods rose at an annual rate of 35 per cent while there were strong increases in card purchases of clothes, which rose 22 per cent, and food and drink, up 20 per cent. But expenditure on travel, the largest element of card spending, rose by a below-average 15 per cent overall and by 10.5 per cent on credit cards. The Credit Card Research Group blamed the poor figures on travel agents making surcharges on card payments.

The latest European Commission consumer confidence survey showed the interest rate rise this month had failed to dampen confidence among UK consumers.



The Paris bourse would link with Frankfurt's under merger plans now being negotiated

Energy chief's float bonus

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

bonus worth more than 59 per cent of his salary last year, including a 15 per cent bonus as a reward for the pressures of privatisation.

The payment of £122,370 to Bob Hawley, who is this month leaving the company with a £450,000 pay-off "to pursue other interests", included £31,000 in benefits for its flotation last summer.

British Energy was sold amid controversy when it

THE departing chief executive disclosed that it had suddenly cess while ensuring maintenshut two reactors because cracks had been found. The announcement came after the deadline for private shareholders' applications. Shares in British Energy plummeted to a discount upon flotation, leaving investors nursing a

loss for weeks. The company's remuneration committee said that the bonus for a successful flotation was "in recognition of the contribution made by the directors to the success of the proance of ongoing operations" Dr Hawley's total pay package rose by 49 per cent, to £384,166, in the year to March 31, from £258,242 in the previous year. He also received £31,914 for relocation and ac-

commodation and E22,522 for

other benefits. ☐ Five ScottishPower directors received bonuses totalling nearly £400,000 last year. Ian Robinson, chief executive, re-ceived a package of £397,256, including a bonus of £102,900.

Paris and Frankfurt bourses set out to rival City

By Oliver August

THE stock and futures exchanges in Frankfurt and Paris yesterday announced a plan to merge their operations, hoping to challenge London's position as the fin-ancial centre of Europe. Werner Seifert, the Börse

management board chairman in Frankfurt, said: "We will combine the cash market and the futures markets." Jean-François Theodore, head of the Bourses Françaises, said that the link-up was planned for 1998. Both men were speaking at a securities indus-

try conference in Frankfurt. The alliance will create a common trading platform for stocks, futures and other financial instruments. Officials and experts from the two

cities are negotiating details. According to a Borse spokesman, operations will be combined gradually. He said: There will be no Big Bang." The issue of who will regulate and supervise the markets has yet to be addressed.

The bourses of Frankfurt and Paris have tried before to combine operations on futures contracts. Herr Seifert said: "This time, it will succeed." A spokeswoman for Liffe,

the London futures exchange, said the alliance did not threaten its position. She said: "Liffe is Europe's premier exchange. We are larger than Frankfurt and Paris put together." From January to May, 84 million contracts were traded on Liffe, 42 million in Frankfurt and 30 million in Paris, she said.

She added: "We understand the reasons for an alliance. But they have tried and failed before. All the exchanges are locked in a battle to win the euro futures contracts and this

battle is being fought now." A London Stock Exchange spokesman said: "We dwarf

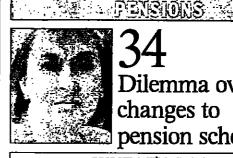
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By Nathan Yates and Caroline Merrell

dissident member standing for the Nationwide board, faces legal action after admitting that he had falsified birth dates when making account applications and encouraged others to use false addresses. Mr Hardern, who was once determined to force the Nationwide to convert, now supports mutuality.

The Building Societies Association said that, in its view. Mr Hardern's activities were illegal. The Building Societies Commission, the industry watchdog, has described Mr Hardern's advocacy of the use of false addresses as "an incitement to the public to make false statements", which would be "likely to be so considered in law".

The commission, which has the power to enforce the expulsion of directors if they are deemed not "fit and prop-

MICHAEL HARDERN, the er, denied that there had been pressure exerted on Mr Hardern to abandon his proconversion stance.

However, a commission spokesman said: "The primary duty of a building society board is to protect its saver money. Directors should, therefore, be able to demonstrate prudence, good character and repute, and a high degree of personal integrity.

The Nationwide is writing to its 3.5 million members this weekend to inform them of Mr Hardern's changed views. ☐ Halifax shares soared 30p to reach 77512p yesterday, in anticipation of the bank entering the FTSE 100 index at the beginning of next week. Indextracking funds, which are believed to hold about 15 per cent of the shares in the UK market, will have to hold shares in the Halifax from

Nationwide rebel | Guinness merger faces legal action | set for full inquiry

By Alasdair Murray

THE European Commission revealed yesterday that it will be launching a full-scale competition investigation into the planned £23 billion merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan.

The US Federal Trade Commission also confirmed overnight that it would he investigating the merger further, although it gave no specific reasons for its

The decision of the two authorities to proceed with more detailed investigations will increase City concern that the deal could run into trouble. Bernard Arnault, chairman of Guinness's partner, LVMH, unexpectedly snapped up a 6 per cent stake in GrandMet on Thursday, prompting speculation that he could attempt to block the

The Commission said in a

statement that it was worried about the impact of the merger on the European whisky mar-ket where the combined share of the two companies would reach 40 per cent in some countries. It added that it would also explore the "significant" overlaps in the gin and vodka markets. The investigation, known as the "serious

doubt phase" is expected to

last until October. Shares in the two com-panies fell back yesterday after M Arnault's unexpected raid which boosted the share prices on Thursday. Grand-Met shares closed down 14p at 589½ p, while Guinness fell 12p to 591 2p in heavy trading. The City is anxiously awaiting M Arnault's next move. M Arnault, who is in the US on business, maintained his silence on LVMH's strategy.

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Stellican's £8m auction success draws icy response from club

UK firm nets top Italian side

THERE may be only one English player in the top flight of Italian football, but a British company yesterday became the owner of the current holders of the Italian version of the FA

Vicenza, which competes in Italy's top Serie A league and won this year's Copa Italia, was snapped up by Stellican, a British investment company run by a friend of the Princess of Wales, for 22.75 billion lire (ES.I

Vicenza ran into trouble when its owners became bankrupt, despite the club being profitable, after a successful season in Serie A when it qualified for next season's European Cup Winners' Cup. Stephen Julius, the managing director of Stellican, is half-Italian and

came to prominence three years ago when he escorted the Princess of Wales to a rugby match in Cardiff. He said yesterday: "At the end of the day it doesn't matter who owns the club as long as it is looked after and developed. In many ways this deal could be an indication of

The club, based in prosperous northeast Italy, gave an icy response to its new owner. Sergio Gasparin, director-general of the club, said: "All I can do is take note of the decision reached by the Milan

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The Deputy Prime Minister, increased the pressure on Railtrack by threatening to reopen the question of how to regulate it. The company is fighting off attempts at tighter regulation. Page 30

By Chris Ayres

million) at an Italian bankruptcy court auction. It took three days of frantic negotiations for Stellican to close the deal. Two Italian companies and a consortium of local businesses made rival bids for the club, only to withdraw their offers at the last minute.

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Railtrack warned by Prescott on regulation

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Yesterday, Railtrack contin-

ued to insist that the regulator

should not be given powers to control its investment pro-

gramme. A spokesman said:

Our investment plans are in

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Mr Prescott said he would

be looking long and hard at what needs to be done to bring

proper public accountability

to the Railway system. He

reiterated proposals to create a

Strategic Rail Authority. He

said: "It is clearly wrong that taxpayers should be asked to

stump up this kind of money

without proper public ac-countability. We hear reports

that complaints are up, prices are up and promised invest-

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister, increased the pressure on Railtrack yesterday, threatening to reopen the whole question of how the company is regulated. The rail utility, which has already been criticised by Mr Prescott for underinvesting, is lighting off attempts at tighter regulation

of its investment programme. Aslef, the railway union yesterday, Mr Prescott said that Railtrack had refused to voluntarily give the Rail Regulainvestment programme. He-

Anglo hits snag over Coalite

By MARTIN BARROW

ANGLO UNITED'S proposed sale of Coalite, the smokeless fuels business. has run into difficulties.

Yesterday the troubled company, which must sell Coalite to ensure its survival. said information had emerged that may have an terms agreed with Thomas Potts, the shell company of the entrepreneurs Stephen and Paul Hargrave.

Potts had agreed to pay £24.3 million for Coalite. which was acquired by Anglo for £427 million in 1989. Yesterday both sides refused to disclose more details about the impasse. but suggested the deal was still likely to go ahead, albeit at a reduced price. A Thomas Potts adviser said: "We have not yet had a chance to assess the im-

Both companies will adjourn next week's extraordinary meetings convened to approve the deal.

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Anita Roddick attributes changing trends in shopping partly for the sales dip

Industry fears rise in stamp duty

PROPERTY companies fear that a big increase in stamp duty in Gordon Brown's Budget would kill off the industry's fragile recovery (Carl Mortished writes). Stamp Duty Concern, a coalition of property and construction interests, said yesterday that 144,000 jobs could be lost within two years if the Chancellor raised stamp duty from I per cent to 7 per cent.

ment not delivered." A study commissioned by Mr Prescott rejected the option of wholesale privati-sation of the London Under-SDC from the Centre for Feonomics and Business Research suggests that the ground, but said he was mooted increase would cut housing starts by II per cent confident that public-private partnerships could deliver and property prices by 4 per cent. Lenders' fears, page 33 large scale investment in the

IN MONDAY'S

Body Shop sales and shares drop

By Clare Stewart

SHARES in Body Shop International fell to a 12month low yesterday after the retailer of skin care and beauty products disclosed a 2 per cent decline in like-forlike sales in the first quarter.

New store openings helped Body Shop to lift worldwide retail sales in the first quarter by 6 per cent, although like-for-like store sales fell by 2 per cent.

Gordon Roddick, chairman, told the company's annual meeting yesterday that worldwide sales rose 6 per cent. helped by 25 store openings during the period, lifting the total number of outlets to 1,516. The shares fell 4p to 157p.

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More than half of the new shops were in Japan, helping sales in Asia to grow by 17 per cent in the first three months. However, on a like-for-like basis, sales from stores in Asia fell by 10 per cent.

Body Shop, whose chief executive is Anita Roddick, said the fall partly reflected the impact of new openings and changing shopping patterns. In the UK like-for-like sales

rose 2 per cent. A 4 per cent decline in comparable store sales in the US marked an improvement on previous figures, suggesting sales were stabilising.

Tempus, page 32 to 477p yesterday.

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Electra BUSINESS ROUNDUP gain from

train sale

was £92m

By CLARE STEWART

ELECTRA Investment Trust

earned a £92 million profit on

the sale of Eversholt, the privatised train leasing com-

pany, it emerged yesterday. Electra's original invest-ment in Eversholt, formerly

part of British Rail, was £17 million. Controversially, the

sale of Eversholt to HSBC

made its directors million-

aires just a year after the

company was privatised. Electra realised a record

£172 million from invest-ments in the first half, the

Electra, which specialises in investing in unquoted companies, lifted its adjusted

net asset value by 9.12 per cent, to 569.74p, outperform-ing the FTSE All Share Index, which rose by 7.95 per

cent in the six months to

The total return to share-holders was £90.1 million,

representing a 10.17 per cent increase. The dividend has

been raised by 15.38 per cent,

to 4.5p.
Michael Stoddart, the chairman, said: "The substantial realisations provide

us with the ammunition to go

forward and make new investments." Around 96 per

cent of EIT's investments are

in Britain and America,

though newer areas of activi-ty include India, South Amer-ica and the Far East.

Investments in the first

half were just below 1996's

record level at £111 million.

The largest investment in-

cluded E31 million in the

Newmond management buy-

out from Williams Holdings, and £19.3 million towards the

buyout of William Cook

Holdings, the steel castings

group that earlier this year

faced a hostile bid from

The value of the invest-

ment portfolio rose by 8.3 per

cent after the strength of

sterling in the period had

trimmed values by £16.4 million. Mr Stoddart said

that deal flow was good,

though he added that the

market for new unlisted in-vestment in the UK and US is

increasingly competitive giv-

en the level of funds flowing

Shares in Electra fell 42p,

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into the sector.

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investment trust reported.

Goshawk bids £35m for Matheson trust

GOSHAWK Insurance Holdings, the specialist Lloyd's insurance group, has made a recommended £35 million bid for Matheson Lloyd's Investment Trust. The deal continues consolidation among the Lloyd's business community. Coshawk already owns 9.6 per cent of Matheson and has acceptances in respect of 40.16 per cent of the shares. It has been promised another 6.9 per cent, giving it control. The combined group would manage more than £115 million of annual premium capacity and own £80 million of capacity.

The deal balances the marine business managed by Goshawk in syndicate 102 with capacity owned by Matheson in marine, non-marine, aviation and motor syndicates.
Goshawk shares, on the Alternative Investment Market. were unchanged at 126½ p. Matheson shares rose 5p. to 124½ p. against the 134p-a-share value of the 18-for-17 share bid, based on the 1262p Goshawk price. Tempus, page 32

Planes cost BA £650m

BRITISH AIRWAYS is to buy three Boeing 767s and five Boeing 777s at a cost of £650 million. The purchases are part of BA plans to invest £6 billion over the next three years on intended. introducing new services and acquiring aircraft. BA said that it is spending to increase capacity and develop new products and businesses. Rolls-Royce won a \$55 million order for RB211-524 engines to power the three 767s, and General Electric of America will power the 777s with its GE90 engines. BA said. The 777s are a conversion of options placed in 1991.

Banner beats forecasts

BANNER HOMES, the Bristol housebuilding group, beat market forecasts in the year to March with a rise in pre-tax profits to £2 million, from £750,000. Sales rose I per cent, to E28.2 million, with 156 units sold, at an average price of £159,000. Banner now intends to sell off its commercial properties. It says that residential reservations are strong. Earnings per share rose to 9.9p, from 1.2p. A final dividend of 1.2p, due on September 5, will take the total to 1.6p (0.7p).

Zeneca poised for deal

ZENECA is set to acquire ICI's Australian pharmaceuticals business. No figures have been disclosed, but analysts say that the acquisition will be relatively small for Zeneca, with the business valued at about £100 million. Sale negotiations will take place once ICI has completed its planned global offering of its 62.4 per cent stake in ICI Australia. The disposal is part of ICI's fundraising to finance its acquisition of Unilever's speciality chemicals businesses.

Westland's £200m order

GKN WESTLAND has won a £200 million order from South Korea to supply 12 Super Lynx naval helicopters equipped with British Aerospace-manufactured Sea Skua missiles. The order, which will help to secure hundreds of jobs at the Yeovil plant in Somerset, places Westland in a good position to pick up a contract from Malaysia. Initially, the Malaysians want to buy up to six naval helicopters, but there are also plans for 27 offshore patrol vessels, each equipped with a helicopter.

Merrill settlement

MERRILL LYNCH will pay \$30 million to settle the criminal inquiry into its role in underwriting bond offerings for Orange County, California, before the county filed for bankruptcy in 1994. Although Merrill Lynch expressly denied any wrong-doing, the settlement ends the threat of criminal charges. against the broker. The firm is still being sued for \$2 billion by the county, which claims that it encouraged its former treasurer to borrow large sums and to invest them in unstable securities.

Crean issues warning

JAMES CREAN, the industrial holding company based in the Irish Republic, has given warning that first-half earnings will be less than last year and that it will move to "a more conservative dividend policy" as it completes restructuring of its businesses. However, Crean said that it will keep this year's interim dividend at last year's Ir6.5p. The company blamed the downturn in profits to weakness in the British industrial electrical market and supply problems in the poultry industry.

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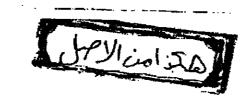
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ED&F Man disposal ED&F Man, the commodities said to be the consolidation and financial services group. process in the commodities has sold its cocoa processing sector. A spokesman for Man business for \$223 million to said that the company had been faced with the choice of Archer-Daniels-Midland of America (Oliver August writes). The City welcomed either significantly increasing the size of the cocoa business the move and Man shares rose 112 p to a high of 2032 p. or selling it. After being offered a "very good price", the Harvey McGrath, manag-ing director of ED&F Man. company had opted for a said: "The sale of the cocoa processing business is part of our strategy of focusing invest-ment on those activities where **AVOID INTEREST** we see consistently high levels of return for our shareholders. This transaction further strengthens the group's fin-

ceeds would be used to reduce borrowings. However, he added: "There may well be some

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THE SUNDAY PAPERS

A WORKING WEEK FOR: NEVILLE ABRAHAM

'Thin moggie' at ease in a cordon bleu world

Jon Ashworth meets a restaurant millionaire whose entrepreneurial lifestyle is balanced by

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IT IS not Neville Abra-Monday ham's week that fasci-Tuesday nates so much as his entire life. Born in Wednesday India to Jews of Iragi descent, he went to Thursday school in Brighton. worked in London as a civil servant, and now

runs Groupe Chez Gérard, the fashionable restaurant chain. A millionaire, he takes the Tube to work, and is as likely to pop out for a lunchtime sandwich as to enjoy a cordon bleu feast. Few entrepreneurs have so intriguing a pedigree — or are so disarmingly down-

to-earth. Abraham, 60, launched Groupe Chez Gérard in 1986 with Laurence Isaacson, a former advertising executive. Their gastronomic empire includes such well-known London names as Scotts in Mayfair, Soho Soho, Café Fish and Bertorelli's in Covent Garden.

A fifth Chez Gerard restaurants is about to open in Bishopsgate, bringing upmarket steak-frites to the City of London. The company was floated on the stock market in 1994, netting up to £4 million each for the two founders.

Millionaire he might be, but one would never know it. Until recently, Abraham lived in the same flat in Paddington that he bought when he was a student. He now lives in Holland Park,

but eschews the trappings of luxury. "I like the good things in life, but I've never thought you had to have a lot of money to get them. Good, for me, does not equal expensive. I cannot stand the five-star hotel. I cannot stand the three-star Michelin res-

The flotation brought financial security. "Laurence and I said to ourselves, look, we could work in this business for another ten years and when the time came to sell it there may not be a buyer. Why don't we go down the plc route, take half out now, settle the pension issue. And the other half, let's build it, and have some fun, and create some jobs."

The Groupe Chez Gerard annual report reveals a pair of decidedly "thin moggies". Abraham and Isaacson were each paid £92,000 in the year to June 1996 hardly excessive for a company with pre-tax profits of £2.9 million on sales of. £16.4 million. The pair hold 11 per cent of the shares each and have options to . drives Abraham. "My attitude to money is very odd. I haven't changed my lifestyle very much. I do not understand a different kind of animal who has made a lot of money and wants to treble it. As far as I'm concerned, it's more than I need."

Abraham was born in 1937 in Calcutta. where his mother was a teacher and his father worked for an English tobacco company. They were part of the clan that migrated east from Baghdad in the mid-1800s, and built a thriving community in India. Their leader, "a man called Sassoon", purchased warehouses in the

docks in Bombay, Calcutta and Shanghai and became an important trader. His

name lives on to this day.
In its heyday, the Jewish community in Calcutta numbered more than 400,000. Today no more than six or seven individuals remain. Abraham recalls: When India became independent in 1947 the new Indian Government said to everybody: It's your choice. You can be an Indian or you can be a foreigner. If you're a foreigner, then you can't stay. If you're an Indian, you can't handle foreign currency.' So people went — to Australia, Canada, Britain, Israel . . ."

Vivid childhood memories remain. "It was British India and it was changing by the minute. I remember coming home from school one day and putting the radio on and hearing that Mahatma Gandhi had been shot." He went to school in Calcutta, then Delhi (his father was transferred) and ended up at the Scottish school in Bombay. An interest in food came at an early age when he used to quiz the family cook about his ingredients. In 1950, Abraham and his brother

Stanley were brought to England by their parents, who intended to place them in school. It was not quite as they imagined. 1950 was post-war, rationing, freezing. and we arrived on April 14 in Southampton on a P&O ship, which had been a troop ship, to see three

feet of snow. I'd never seen snow before. My image was that England was a green place, and we were coming to the summer. "We went to see six

schools and my mother was more appalled by each one she saw. She said they reminded her of prisons, and she was very sorry but she was going to take us

back to Bombay." The younger Abrahams had other ideas, and ended up at Brighton College. Their parents caught the ship home.

Abraham managed trips home every two years, flying on the new BOAC Super Constellations, which completed the trip in 24 hours, making six refuelling stops en route. In 1953, in a memorable adventure, he sailed for Bombay from Marseilles, paying £10 to travel steerage on a French liner carrying troops. He had his dinner jacket with him and succeeded in spending half the journey in first class before he was rumbled. "The food in deck class was actually better than the food in incentivise them, but this is not what first class. It was very basic, very straightforward, and absolutely delicious," he says.

School led to a year's traineeship in a cigarette factory in the East End, but Abraham did not take to it. He did three years at the London School of Economics (LSE), paying his way by working in coffee bars in the West End. "I lived in the YMCA at Totteham Court Road for a pound a week. I walked across Covent Garden to the LSE every day, and worked at night. I was in the centre of London, and I loved it."

He did two years with Young and



Hands-on operator: Neville Abraham checking progress at his new Bishopsgate restaurant, which will be the fifth in his Chez Gérard empire

Rubicam, the advertising agency, then was encouraged by a friend to join the Civil Service. He spent eight years there, working on the merger of BOAC and BEA, and tackling such intractable issues as the coal strike.

On his departure in 1971, Abraham wrote a book, worked as a management consultant, lectured on government-business relations, and set up a mail-order wine company. Isaacson offered to write the brochure, and took a 10 per cent stake in lieu of a fee - "the best investment Laurence has ever made in his life".

In 1980, they opened a restaurant in Covent Garden, Le Café des Amis du Vin. and sold out after four years to Kennedy Brookes. Groupe Chez Gérard duly

Abraham's working week reflects his upbringing. "As you would expect of a nomad it's never the same week twice." He will not be drawn on a favourite restaurant or ideal holiday, and hates to be pinned down. "That's why I don't have a weekend country cottage. I can go to Suffolk or Devon or walking in the Lake District, or whatever."

He is unmarried, but has plenty of nephews and nieces. Stanley, who accompanied him to England, is now professor of business studies at Caltech in California, and has two boys. Another brother. Ralph, runs the London Diabetes Centre. and has two girls. Abraham says: "I can

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be unde to boys and girls without having my own." He looks paternally on the company's 650 employees. Abraham concentrates on running the **W**iednesday

business, leaving Isaacson to come up with the creative ideas. He spends about half his time in his office

near Leicester Square, with the rest "out and about" looking at sites for new restaurants, and attending to his other duties. He is vice-chairman of the keen interest in opera. Groupe Chez Gérard sponsors the annual Covent Garden Festival.

He spends half a day a week, usually Thursday mornings, in his flat, contemplating in private. There are phone calls that I want to make which I really don't want anybody to know about." There is a fair amount of lunching with brokers and analysts, and he tends to work one weekend in three. This weekend finds him at Lord's - weather permitting.

Four weeks a year are given over to holidays. Abraham spent Christmas and New Year travelling through Cambodia and Vietnam, visiting ancient temples, and taking in the sights. With a girlfriend, we travelled from Saigon to

Restaurateurs Association, and takes a Hanoi by car, spending a day or two at various places." A highlight was Hoi An, once a thriving trading post, where merchant's houses back onto a river estuary, long since silted up.

Abraham and Isaacson are keen to expand Groupe Chez Gérard, but for the time being will remain focused on London, which has plenty of scope. "The streets of London are painted with gold and out of 10,000 sites, we only have 13, so we could easily double or treble in the London area.'

The imminent opening of Chez Gérard in Bishopsgate will please City gastronomes. Abraham promises a carnivorous debut. "By Bastille Day, which is the 14th of July, where blood did flow, Chez Gérard will be serving steak and chips."

Thought for the day

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flights out of Heathrow were in chaos yesterday. A col-league was held up for two hours, along with most other flights out of Terminal One. BA, which has recently imposed a pay freeze on its staff, insists that the problem was a computer one. and that there are no industrial relations problems at Heathrow. Peculiar. The pilot of my colleague's plane clearly told passengers that the handlers were refusing to put the cases on board. MARTIN WALLER Yes please. I think fel like to know more about talking to an IFA. Please send me my information pack, the names of three local IFAs and a reacher for my half have free consultation. I understand that two-one will call me as a result of filling in this coupon. The address is: IFA Promotion Limited, 17-19 Emers Road, Brudington, Bristal BS4 5FF. See an IFA DID AMBIBRARY AND COMPUTE OR BUTTON DEPOSITE LEGISLA WAS IN COURS BEST AMBIBRATION FOR AN EXCEPTION FOR AN EXCEPTION FOR A BARRIED FOR A STATE OF THE COURSE OF THE COURSE

Grade school Secret service JONATHAN AITKEN, for

Channel 4 mogul, is heading for a testing few minutes next Tuesday when First Leisure reports its first set of financials since he took control at the

MICHAEL GRADE, ex-

start of the month. First there was the sudden departure of John Conlan, the bruiser who had been chief executive before Grade stepped in to run the family firm at the start of this month. In January the handover had been flagged as amicable, and Conlan has maintained a dignified silence since. He was to have hung around until the end of the year to hand over the reins but left as Grade walked in, the latter's departure from Channel 4 having also been accelerated.

Conlan was widely respected in the City as a manager. Also worrying the analysts is the virtually unnoticed departure, on the day Grade arrived, of Conlan's lieutenant, Nick Tamblyn, the energetic commercial director whose job it was to keep the various managers on their toes. The suspicion is that Grade has no interest in running the company and is merely looking around for the highest bidder. This has prompted a run on



First Leisure coincided with executive departures

the shares this month. The scribblers will want to know considerably more.

City shoot-out

A LIVELY time, too, is expected on Tuesday at Guildhall, where the liverymen are gathering to elect two City sheriffs. My item yesterday about the cold shoulder being offered one alderman, Anthony Bull - perhaps for not being compliant enough for the powers-that-be, further research suggests — turns up an interesting snippet. At least two critics of the archaic electoral system in the City will have their say, it seems. We know that one of the three candidates for sheriff, Dennis Delderfield, plans an attack. So, too, does Malcolm Matson. an old enemy of the City of London Corporation, who took the body to court and won after being shut out of the post of Alderman by the Corporation's inner circle, although little good it did him. As a liveryman he must be heard, and he plans to point out one or two eccentricities of the system — such as the fact that, once installed as Alderman, you can only be turfed out by your peers, and not by the electorate.

 WHAT were Sir David Scholey, chairman of SBC Warburg, and Lord Hollick of United News & Media discussing at a rather damp Glyndebourne on Thursday evening? More to the point, why did the two, who must surely have met before, have to exchange business cards at the end of the performance? The production was rather apposite. They saw The Marriage of Figaro.

Verdict vacuum

THE appropriately-named Against the Odds, the autobiography of James Dyson, inventor of the bagless vacuum



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American legal action. Publica-

tion was blocked for some

weeks by an injunction taken

out by Amway, the American

corporation with whom Dyson

settled an earlier legal action

"I think it's probably better

not to say too much," says

Dyson. They didn't want the

book published at all. They

brought an injunction on the

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them and disclosed terms of an

agreement." In other words,

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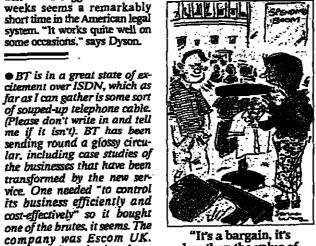
went out, it went bust.

over patents in 1991.

one, will not be flying British Airways again in a hurry. His downfall, it seems, would have been averted if that fatal flight to Geneva had been on Swissair. The Swiss carrier has been flying Martin Bormann on the Berlin-Geneva shuttle twice a week ever since the war ended. or might as well have been for all that we know. In keeping with the Swiss obsession with secrecy, no flight records are

Board games cleaner, arrives at the end of the month. The odds the book SOMEONE else is none too has beaten are those stacked

fond of the world's favourite airline either, perhaps. BA's



"It's a bargain, it's less than the value of my Halifax shares"

Top 100 status for A&L and Halifax boosts banks

were piling back into the banking sector ahead of Mon-day's debut of Alliance & Leicester and Halifax in the FTSE 100 index.

Celebrating their newly elevated status, the Halifax put on 25p to close at a high of 770p as 53.7 million shares changed hands, while the Alliance & Leicester finished 4p better at 603p on turnover

of 13.3 million shares.

Led by the powerful index tracker funds, City fund managers were attempting to increase their weightings in the financial sector, which has increased dramatically in size with the conversion of a number of building societies into banks.

Next month, it is the turn of the Woolwich, which along with the Norwich Union. unchanged at 32412p, will take its place as a top 100 constituent in September.

The Alliance started life in April at 533p, while the Halifax began trading at 72412p. Also in the banking sector, HSBC touched £19.0312 before closing 11p higher at £[8.6012. Dealers said the move reflected a strong perfor-mance by shares in the Far East overnight.

Lloyds TSB fell 1112p to 60812p. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has become the latest broker to upgrade its profit numbers. For 1997, it has raised its forecast from £2.9 billion to £3.08 billion and for 1998 by 7.6 per cent to £3.48

Elsewhere, the equity market ended the week on a flat note. Technical factors, including the expiry of the FTSE futures and options provided a bumpy ride that saw shares close at their low point of the day. An early lead was wiped out as two big security houses fought a financial tug of war, arbitraging between the cash and futures market in an attempt to close any remaining positions.

The FTSE 100 index was left nursing a fall of 59.8 at 4.593.9. That is a loss on the week of ing rise by the Dow Jones industrial average could muster any positive sentiment.

GrandMet slipped 1312p at 590p and Guinness 12p to 593p, with their proposed £23 creasingly in jeopardy. On Thursday, LVMH, which already has 14 per cent of Guinness, snapped up 125



Geoff Shingles, at VideoLogic, saw the shares rise 212p

and now holds around 6 per cent of the company.

The move by Bernard Arnault, the LVMH chairman, .gives him increased influence at the negotiating table. He has been against the proposed merger and brokers say he may wish to exact a price from Guinness for leaving LVMH out in the cold. or may want to form a three way link-up. The European Com-

million shares in GrandMet reports that the US tobacco companies may soon reach agreement with the anti-smoking litigants. It has been suggested that they may agree to stump up \$370 billion over

the next few years. News of a drop in like-forlike sales left Body Shop 4p lower at a new low of 157p. Shareholders were told at the AGM that sales fell 2 per cent during the first quarter. Overall sales rose 6 per cent, mission has decided to in- boosted by the opening of 25

As the excitement of the Paris Air Show, where Rolls-Royce was awarded £500 million worth of orders, begins to die down, the shares have begun to struggle. They closed 8p lower at 244 p as more than six million were traded. One market-maker paid 265p for 2.5 million shares that are still overhanging.

crease the scope of its inquiry into the merger.

Allied Domecq slipped 7p to 42lp on profit-taking. City speculators are still hoping that Seagram, the north American drinks company, will swoop in reaction to the Guinness-GrandMet deal. By the close 10.2 million shares

BAT Industries firmed another 7p at 589p, after briefly touching 60112p, amid new stores, taking the total worldwide to 1,516. GW Management, the group's franchise management operator, has agreed to meet disgruntled French franchisees next

Laura Ashley, the troubled design and home furnishings chain, touched another new low of 7612p before rallying to

close all-square at 77p.

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price was further depressed by the news that Sir John Hoskyns is due to retire as chairman at the AGM in Some positive news at long

last for Geoff Shingles, chairman of VideoLogic, and his shareholders. An exhibition in Atlanta has demonstrated increased usage for the group's PowerVR technology, which it is hoped could result in increased orders. The price responded by climbing off its low for the year to finish 212p better at 3412p. Last year the price touched a high of 11112p.

Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers were steady at 837¹₂p. The group came in with pre-tax profits of £7.5 million, at the top end of expectations on Tuesday, and HSBC James Capel, the broker, has raised its forecast for the current year to £9.8 mil-

lion. It says "buy". CIA Group firmed 112p at 184p after rival WPP topped up its holding. It has bought a further 1.8 million shares, taking its total holding to 12.8 per cent. WPP originally had a 14.4 per cent stake in CIA, but this was diluted after a placing to raise £17 million. WPP fell 3p to 259p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Gains of

up to £12 among longer-dated issues reflected similar performances among German bunds and a strong pound.

Brokers reported a flatten-ing of the yield curve for issues of less than ten years duration. The gains among indexlinked issues were even more impressive as institutional investors began switching out of equities. But dealers pointed out that the index-linked had only managed to claw back earlier losses and that the new tap Treasury Index-linked 212 per cent 2013 was still trading at a discount to the issue price.

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IT MUST be assumed that Bernard Arnault, the chairman of LVMH, knows what he is doing. To spend £800 million buying a 6 per cent holding in GrandMet requires a strategy, and given the recent rise in GrandMet shares it would have to be a good one. Having sold a bundle of Guinness shares at £4 and seen the price rise to £6. Arnault is now buying GrandMet at a premium. Given the price on offer, GrandMet holders may prefer to sell than see M Arnault's grand vision unfold.

The LVMH chairman seems to want to cement the spirits businesses of Guinness and GrandMet with Moet-Hennessy, a tripartite alliance that would mean ditching GrandMet's food businesses. Shareholders in GrandMet should view this with scepticism because it is likely to be better for the French company than for the two British combines.

The logic of the GMG tie-up is costs; the merged group would shed a head office, sales staff and reduce marketing costs but LVMH adds little to the party. The inclusion of Moet-Hennessy in a three-way deal will not substantially improve the potential to reduce costs. However, as a partner in such a merger, LVMH would share in any savings achieved by Guinness and GrandMet.

There is also the issue of GrandMet's food businesses, which Arnault would, apparently, prefer to see excluded from any deal. There is a clean logic in a pure spirits grouping but Burger King is currently showing better growth than drinks. Amid the disruption and expense of a merger, GMG will need some clean profits. But if the LVMH chairman is prepared to pay more than £6 to have his way. GrandMet investors should take his money.

Rolls-Royce

A LIST of orders as long as your arm is doing little for Rolls-Royce shares. As the jet-engine maker proudly announced a \$2 billion addition to its workload the shares fell 7p. Admittedly, the market was in a black mood, but there are more profound reasons for the doubts. Rolls-Royce has

been a jam tomorrow story almost since its flotation, and the stock's high rating has been justified by the hope that its huge investment in the Trent jet engine would pay off when civil aircraft

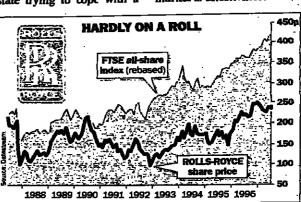
orders picked up.
After years of procrastination and US airline insolvencies, the orders are coming through but the market is worried about gross margins. In a ferociously competitive industry aircraft engines have been sold at

At least half of yesterday's order should be profitable as Allison engines are specified for the Embraer regional jets and Tay engines for the Gulistream order. The word from Rolls is that plants are in a frantic state trying to cope with a

slim or nil margins on the logic that profits will be

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bulge of work. Ordinarily, volume increases should lead to better margins but there is no hint of that from the company. That could either mean inefficiency and bottlenecks or that the order book is not as profitable as hoped. Of course. Rolls may end up fooling everyone with a profits gusher, but the market is unconvinced.



Lloyd's corporates

BID RUMOURS fly about the conventional insurance sector but investors tend to ignore a E10 billion insurance market that is ripe for consolidation. With the Lloyd's reconstruction out of the way, the corporate vehicles that are rapidly taking over the market look undervalued on fundamentals and the prospect of takeovers - such as yesterday's bid for Matheson adds to the excitement.

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market means that 1994's dividend is being paid this year and solid performances in 1995 and 1996 almost guarantee three years of good payouts.

Looking out three years, Limit is probably worth 170p or more compared to its share price of 130p. Included in that valuation is the value of the syndicate capacity it controls. Driving the consolidation of this market is the prospect of Lloyd's trusts becoming insurance companies by buying up syndicate capacity. The departure of individual names will accelerate and the corporate vehicles will soon dominate this market. As the largest

Body Shop

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MORE SALES figures from Body Shop, more gloom for the shares. Body Shop seems incapable of delivering any good news; what with the reolt of French franchisees

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and embarrassment over its "trade not aid" relationship with Brazil's Kayapo Indians, Body Shop is being hurt by the ethical issues so dear to its founder.

At current levels Body Shop shares are undoubtedly cheap but it is struggling to find friends, in part because the retail sector has been spurned by investors in recent months.

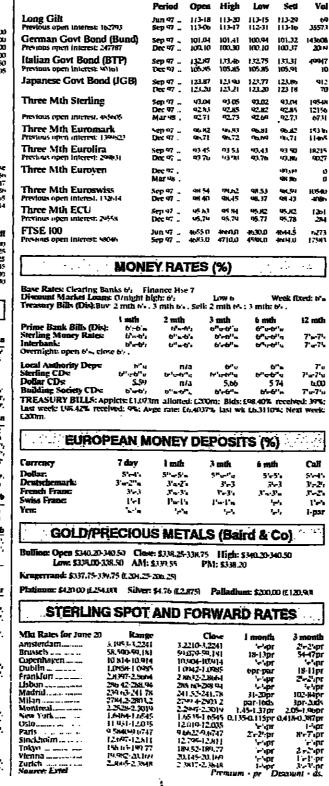
Expansion in Asia will improve sales figures, but its future will depend on growth in more mature markets. The success of new advertising and marketing initiatives in the UK will be crucial. Profits of £43 million are forecast for the current year with a divithe potential to improve but to achieve sparkling growth it needs more than gimmicks: it needs the capacity to reinvent itself. That may be too much to ask; in the meantime shareholders may have to settle for dividends.

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THE TIMES: PERSONAL FINANCE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Perks and Peps under pressure

Anne Ashworth and Karen Zagor look at the implications of tax changes

expected to be made by the Chancellor

The £7 billion black hole discovered this week in the public finances has raised the chances of higher taxes in the Budget. Employee benefits, the perks of the job, and personal equity plans (Peps)

could be two of the targets. ■ Perks: the taxation of company cars is now less lenient, with employces paying as much as 35 per cent of the cost of the car

in tax. However, Deloitte & Touche, the accountancy firm, suggests that the Chancellor could alter rules cutting tax bills for those who drive more than 2.500 business miles a year. Some believe that

these concessions encourage the use of cars, contrary to Labour policy. Car parking was taxed as a perk until 1988 when it was abandoned as too administratively complex. However. Mr Brown could still rule that the taxable benefit of this perk should reflect the cost of parking in a commercially run site. A season ticket for a National Car Park in the

West End of London costs £5,220 a

year. A higher rate taxpayer would face a tax bill of £2,090 on the benefit. Tax relief on PRP is already being phased out from a maximum of £4,000 to £2,000 in 1998, £1,000 in 1999 and to nil in the year 2000. Philip Fisher of Chantrey Vellacott, the accountants, says Mr Brown could bring forward the removal of the tax relief and prevent the registration of new schemes. Labour is hostile to schemes that allow employers to save by offering tax-free PRP as a substitute for a pay rise.

Peps: the nation's three million Pep investors would be left some £100 million poorer from a 5 per cent reduction in the dividend tax credit,

now seen as almost a foregone conclusion. The current rate is 20 per cent. Among the other losers would be anyone paying into a pension, charities and higher-rate taxpayers with shareholdings. According to Chantrey Vellacott, the 19 million pension scheme members and personal pension plan holders would be

£1.4 billion worse off - almost equivalent to a 1 per cent rise in income tax. The dividend

tax credit is a byproduct of Advance Corporation Tax (ACT) which is paid by companies when they distribute a dividend. Pension

entitled to reclaim this tax. Pension funds may receive an extra £4 to £5 billion a year from this source. The shortfall from a lower tax credit rate would mean higher employer and employee contributions. A tax credit cut would also make

Peps significantly less attractive for hasic-rate taxpayers. There is no income tax on the dividends earned by Peo investments. The Peo managers reclaim the tax credit on behalf of investors. If the tax credit were lower, so would be the income earned by the Pep. Higher-rate taxpayers would still be better off, because if they held the investments outside a Pep they would pay an additional amount of tax on the dividend.

■ Childcare: the Chancellor's hopes

and other tax-exempt funds are

to cut government spending by encouraging lone parents back to work are now seen as likely to founder; unless he can introduce tax incentives or benefits to help to pay for childcare. In a report to be published next week the Daycare Trust will call on the Chancellor to



use the windfall tax receipts to introduce a new, targeted childcare benefit payment. The organisation estimates that the changes would cost the Treasury £200 million but would ultimately mean savings in benefit payments and increased tax revenues. At present, the tax system's only contribution to the cost of

childcare is the workplace nursery scheme. The only childcare help for families on welfare is the Childcare Disregard, which pays an average of £18.71 a week.

The Daycare Trust proposes an allowance of up to £70 per week per child under the age of 14 for families on or just above the Family Credit limit. Family Credit is the state benefit for working families on a low income. The trust estimates the changes would help 450,000 families.

If he were minded to introduce tax incentives for childcare, Mr Brown could find models in other countries. In Canada, parents who need to

employ someone to look after their

children while they work can get tax mothers are employed, the state relief of up to \$5,000 for every child covers the cost of day care for 72 per under the age of seven and \$3,000 for cent of three to six year olds. In the UK, a typical two-earner children between seven and 16. In France, where childcare is free for family with two children can expect

three to five year olds, 32 per cent of

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to pay at least £120 a week, or £6,240

rises in stamp duty in next month's Budget will send the housing market recovery into a tailspin, with the booming London and South East market hardest hit, lenders said this week (Sara McConnell writes).

Rumour is rife that Chancellor Gordon Brown could raise the duty by up to 7 per cent in his Budget, Currently buyers have to pay stamp duty of 1 per cent on transactions of over £60,000, immediately adding at least £600 to the cost of housebuying. At 8 per cent, the cost would rise to £4,800 on a property costing £60,001. A buyer completing on a property costing £100,000 would face an extra bill of £8,000.

Barry Naisbitt, chief economist at Abbey National said: "There would be a very significant upfront cost and many people would withdraw from the market." He added: There would be a very sharp effect in Greater London

Lenders fear big stamp duty rise will kill recovery

where the average property now costs more than £100,000."

The Council of Mortgage Lenders predicted that a large rise in stamp duty would "definitely thrust the market back into slump" and cause a massive downturn" in levels of transactions. It argued that the projected tax take of £14 billion a year was too high because such a prohibitive rate of stamp duty would force down the number of sales. Currently stamp duty raises about £1 billion a year for the

Housebuyers should step up pressure on their solicitors, estate agents and sellers to complete their purchases before July 2 to protect themselves from the possibility of large stamp duty rises, the council said. Buyers cannot prepay the tax to benefit from the existing rate.

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The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has warned the Chancellor that "any increase in stamp duty, particularly to a rate as high as 6 per cent or 7 per cent. would price many homebuyers out of the market and deal a severe blow to a market which remains fragile in

to change the structure of stamp duty so that only the part of the price over the stamp duty threshold is taxed. Currently buyers become liable for tax on the whole purchase price immediately they breach the threshold.

Lenders are also continuing to press Mr Brown not to reduce or abolish tax relief on mortgage interest relief (Miras). After the latest rate rise. the tax break is worth £30 a month on interest of up to £30,000, up from £28.50 a. month. Observers believe the absence in the Government's continued on page 34, col 6

many parts of the country". RICS called on Mr Brown 10 MILLION TRACESTOES TE NORWICATION NO VERTE DISCOUNTS FINES IN THE

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Cocktails at twenty paces

on't get in bed with the French is a maxim that public companies in Germany and the Low Countries, as well as Britain, have learnt too late. Like any prejudice, it is unfair. Many successful French firms are more strategically acute and better managed than their rivals. As partners, however, French industrialists tend to operate as French diplomats from the same schools do in Brussels: pursuing national interest ruthlessly and aiming to control the enterprise without paying. French management is often good, but this style grates with the Anglo-Saxon

way of doing things - not least respect for rights of other shareholders. Some of us were therefore dubious from the start about the much-lauded 1987 agreement that yoked Guinness and Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton in a deal vital to the fortunes of both. The agreement symbolised a new start

after the trauma of the Ernest Saunders affair. It centred on joint marketing of the two companies' top wines and spirits brands, including Johnnie Walker Scotch and Gordon's Gin, in key markets such as Japan, the Orient and America. Given that Guinness would have been barred from buying a top French drinks group, this looked the next best thing. But the continental-style agreement was, of necessity, complex. It was also buttressed by substantial cross-shareholdings. These

were not equal. LVMH, as it is abbreviated, had a direct stake in Guinness, once a nearcontrolling 24 per cent, now 14 per cent. But Guinness's stake in LVMH was really in the pocket of Bernard Arnault,



the man behind the deal. It helped the ambitious, teleological French financier to assert control over LVMH after a battle with rival interests. In 1994, this scheme was replaced by one that left Guinness a prisoner of M Arnault. It took a direct 34 per cent minority stake in Moët Hennessy, an LVMH subsidiary. Few shareholders raised an eyebrow, because the joint venture marketing companies did jolly well. They account for a third of Guinness trading profits.

For those who cared to look, however, the arrangements wove an ideal web to help M Arnault to gain effective control of Guinness, or its main spirits division, should he wish to do so.

The world spirits trade as a whole, though strong, is somewhat stagnant, along with the fortunes of Guinness and the other two big UK players: failed brewers Grand Metropolitan and Allied Domecq. What to do? Fund managers demanded some corporate manipulation to boost their quarterly returns. The

between Grand Metropolitan and Guinness, much of whose post-Saunders management had come from GrandMet's IDV. The brands fitted, jobs could be and monopoly positions reinforced.

Again, Guinness management underestimated M Amault, a non-executive director who has ammunition and every right to press LVMH's strong interest. M Arnault was against it. But so what. He was just a minority shareholder. So LVMH has thrown the book of contracts at Guinness, forcing law suits or arbitration, and has bought a costly bargaining stake in GrandMet. One more hostile voice in battles with competition authorities would not help either.

Arnault seems to have an alternative plan to merge and float separately the spirits arms of Guinness, GrandMet and LVMH. In the spirit of the Guinness joint ventures, this might have more industrial logic. Except that everyone knows the merged company would somehow come under M Arnault's control. But the British groups face an uphill battle to bring their own plan to fruition. Watch this space.

The mess stems from trying to marry direct Anglo-Saxon ways, which force Guinness to do something exciting for shareholders, with a continental style that cherishes long-term relationships but exerts minority control that leaves outside investors in the cold. The advantages are not all one-way. Had Eurotunnel not been an Anglo-French joint venture, it would have gone bust long ago.

The lady's definitely not for churning

plans to downgrade your pension arrangements, potentially exposing you to extra risk and

As Weekend Money revealed last month, growing numbers of employees are coming under pressure from employers to switch from traditional occupational pensions to group personal pensions.

Such schemes are cheaper for employers but unlike traditional pensions force employees to carry most of the cost. paying often high set-up charges out of their contributions. Regulators have promised tougher rules on sales of group personal pensions. But many employers are already being persuaded to switch to group personal pensions by insurance salesmen apparently more interested in their commission than in giving

Marcia Rhodes of Stock-

port. Cheshire writes: "I have worked for the same employer since 1974. An occupational pension scheme was, however, only introduced in October 1993, with payments backdated to 1992. Before this date employees were encouraged to take out personal pension plans. We now find that the trustees of the scheme have been approached by the firm of independent financial advisers instrumental in setting up the original scheme and strongly advised to cancel the existing scheme in favour of a group personal pension plan (precisely the scenario described in your articles).



ers try to exorcise the ghost of

Robert Maxwell. Employees

could be forgiven for thinking

their future retirement income

is protected. New laws dictate

everything from calculating

transfer values to winding up

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offer you a particular type of

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for employees is entirely vol-

untary. In practice most em-

ployers offer some form of

pension, partly because it

helps them to attract and keep

good workers. But there is

nothing to stop them changing

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your case do not apply as you

up the whole thing.

body can I and like-minded partial advice and, if necessary, arbitration? I remain convinced that, with only 12 years to go to my proposed retirement age of 60, my financial and legal interests would be best served by reoccupational pension scheme, despite promises by the advisers to make up any shortfall which will occur in the transfer value of the current fund. The new provider has offered to cover up to 11 per cent in penalty charges and the financial advisers have offered a further possible top-up of 3 per cent from their own firm's funds. If the transfer value is still considered too low, the original policy would be paid up - no further contributions would be paid in but the existing fund would continue to be managed - and contributions would be made to the new plan.
"I feel that the trustees and

employees are being subjected to a hard sell without anyone realising the full implications

Weekend Money replies: There are now more rules to is that most employees who are being faced with changes to their pension arrangements cannot expect help from Opra even if they do not like what is being offered.

And, as you have discovered, anyone making a fuss risks being told take it or leave it" by their employer. If you and your colleagues all refuse to take the group personal pension, your employer pay you all off, leaving you to ments. He would not have to make any more contributions to your pension.

So is a group personal pension better than nothing? A strong argument in favour is ue to contribute to your pension. And a group personal pension may be no worse in the end than your existing schemes depend on how much you have put in and how the investment performs, rather than your final salary.

But you should question the whole basis on which you are Mike Wadsworth, partner at Watson Wyatt, the actuary. What are the terms of the new arrangement? What are the investment arguments? What can you get from a group cannot get from your existing scheme? And most important, what will it cost?

Even if transfer costs are covered, you will still have to pay set-up costs, which include



Marcia Rhodes says trustees and staff are being subjected to a hard sell without anyone realising the full implications

means only 89 per cent of your contribution is invested in the first five years and only 98 per cent after that until you retire.

Mr Wadsworth comments that such charges "carry the slight suspicion that the adviswith individual beneficiaries". Put more bluntly, your employer's financial advisers could be trying to "churn" your company pension

and should certainly be investigated by regulators. Confusingly, group person-

al pensions are regulated not the Financial Services Act. The

advice given. But your employer, not you, is technically the adviser's client and he would have to make a complaint if he felt he had been nwelc

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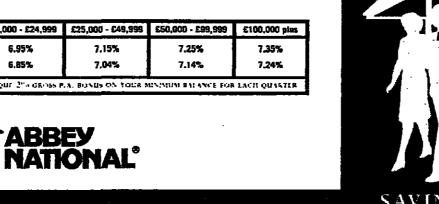
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Lenders fear duty rise will kill house sales

Continued from page 33 election manifesto of any promise to keep Miras was significant and indicated plans to abolish it.

The CML argues that removing the tax break would damage lower-income home that the majority of households outside the south of England have mortgages of

Others argue that abolition would be a bad political move. Maurice Fitzpatrick of Chantrey Vellacott the chartered acnot economic™. He predicted that mortgage rates could rise to 9 per cent next summer which would push the benefit of Miras up to £34. The higher interest rates rise the more

difficult it is to abolish Miras. The value of Miras has been steadily eroded since 1988 when the then Chancellor Nigel Lawson abolished "double Miras" which gave each occupant rather than each property tax relief. At its peak in 1990/1991, the relief cost the Treasury £8.9 billion. In 1996/1997 it is expected to cost just £2.3 billion.

Household bills could also rise if insurance premium tax, currently charged at 4 per cent on most general insurance

There is a higher rate of tax on insurance sold with goods or services — in particular travel insurance. The Chancelcountant, said: "I think Miras lor could harmonise both of rate to avoid the distortion which currently exists. At present, travel insurance sold by a travel agent is liable to IPT at 17.5 per cent. If the customer were to buy the same cover from a bank next door to the travel agent, the rate of IPT

> A combined rate of 12 per cent would also bring United

Kingdom rates more in line with those charged in other European Union states and would be a significant revenue raiser for the Government. .

Although the insurance industry has lobbied hard to have IPT frozen at 4 per cent. and the:Chancellor may feel it is a relatively painless way to bring in extra funds.

Likewise air passenger duty, a tax levied on passengers departing from UK airports, could also rise in theory. although tax experts Deloitte more likely to leave it unchanged. The tax is currently levied at £5 if the passenger's destination is within the EU and £10 if it is outside. The rates are scheduled to increase to £10 and £20 respectively on November I this year.

SARA McConnell and MARIANNE CURPHEY



Stockbrokers under the spotlight

This week's issue of Investors Chronicle turns a critical spotlight on stockbrokers. What are the benefits of a good stockbroker - is he really worth his weight in gold? We look at the range of services, and the array of charges. We see how investors rate stockbrokers and examine how to get the best value from a broker. Plus we have a round-up of the best-buy

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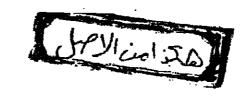
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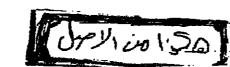
We also examine the strength of smaller investors within the market. How real is the threat of being marginalised by the bigger institutional players, and what could be the costs? More positively we consider cheap and free information sources for private investors and the prospects for dealing on the Internet.

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The butler serves up a Big Mac

his week Big Macs and build-ing societies have had some-thing in common. The obse-sive activities of the McLibel Two may permanently have altered the we view the hamburger chain. Although McDonald's may have won its court case against the envi-ronmentalist pair, the public's view of the group has become more

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ension schemes

sceptical.

The Nationwide has, likewise, rid itself of an irritant, by some form of subtle persuasion. Michael Hardern, the aspiring Nationwide director, has suddenly espoused mutuality, aban-doning his attempt to compel the society to become a bank. But, despite his abrupt conversion, the consequences of Hardern's interven-

A Bible-quoting butler, prone to falsifying his date of birth on account application forms and said to con-



ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

prove to have had a more profound influence on the fate of the industry than many upstanding, soberminded society bosses with animate feline

The Hardern episode has caused a reassessment of building societies. While our enthusiasm for conversion windfalls remains undimmed, we also wish to see some institutions remain which will put savers before

We want biodiversity in the sav-ings and borrowing sphere. This

would mean small local societies with a special place in their local community and larger societies with generous savers' rates. Meanwhile. ormer societies, such as the Halifax, would offer competitive mortgage

Those who are depressed by this wholesome vision and who prefer a windfall now to an extra half a per cent in interest need not be downcast. The City still believes that the Nationwide will be taken over. As we

some time yet.

DTC hits you and me

DIVIDEND tax credits are fiendishly complex, which is one reason why the Chancellor would find it easy to cut their value in the forthcoming

Budget.

A lower rate dividend tax credit would not a snappy headline make. Even if some deft sub-editor could contrive to fashion some play on words, most people would conclude that the move meant higher taxes for the wealthy. Dividends suggest large serve of the rich.

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Caroline Merrell on a busy week for Nationwide and others

Societies act swiftly to ward off unwelcome speculators

future of the building society industry reached fever pitch this week, four societies, including the Na-tionwide, took action to prevent speculators from opening new accounts.

The Nationwide, now the UK's biggest building society, has been at the centre of a series of near farcical events in past few days, culminating in a change of heart by Michael Hardern, the dissident member and aspiring director who had previously aspired to force the Nationwide to convert.

Now the society faces restaging a ballot to elect directors at next month's annual meeting. Meanwhile the debate over whether it will succeed in remaining independent con-Tuesday, the tionwide raised the minimum investment on its accounts to slow the page of account opening. On Wednesday, it was forced to close its doors to new customers. Accounts were being opened at five times the usual rates by carpetbaggers eager for a windfall. In May alone £300 million was depos-

ited in the society. The Nationwide became the focus of conversion rumours when it was revealed that Goldman Sachs, the merchant bank employed to defend the society against takeover, had put the Nationwide's value at

£7 billion. Mr Hardern, a freelance butler, had put himself up for election to the Nationwide board, with four other likeminded individuals. If elected. they all promised to force the society to convert. Ballot papers giving Mr Hardern's election statement have already been sent out to its three

million members. However, in a remarkable volte face, Mr Hardern has entirely changed his mind about conversion. At a meeting on Thursday in a cafe in a London square, Mr Hardern announced that he no longer

said that Brian Davis, Nationwide's chief executive, had "convinced me there is some-thing in mutuality". Mr Hardern is still pledging windfalls of £1,000 per person as part of his election stance. But the Nationwide denies that he can legally unlock this money, if there is no conversion.

In a rambling statement, Mr Hardern said that it did not make sense for the Nationwide to become a bank. "People don't like banks, people hate banks, they loathe and detest banks," he added. Mr Hardern, outlined his vision for the Nationwide and said he would like to see it selling Internet terminals and perhaps items such as coffee. cars and holidays. The Nationsee its position vindicated. Mr Davis said that the Nationwide believed staying as a building society was in the best long-term interests of

Portman, Lambeth and Coventry were also forced to take action against the speculators this week. The Portman. which this week agreed its takeover of the Greenwich, has raised its minimum opening requirement to £1,000 on all savings schemes, while the Coventry announced that it required the opening balance on its postal account to be £5,000, its other accounts require a minimum balance of £2,500. The Lambeth Building Society closed all but one of its accounts to new investors. The only account now available at this society is the Olympos account, where the minimum investment has been pushed up from £2,500 to £5,000.

Bristol & West members will in the next few days be given information about their entitlement to the cash and share bonuses they will receive under the terms of the takeover by the Bank of Ireland Group. A fixed £500 cash distribution and a variable

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Off the road to conversion: Michael Hardern experienced a dramatic change of heart

cash distribution will be given to qualifying two-year members. Others who had less than £100 in their accounts on certain dates will get a cash

Norwich Union, the first mutual insurance company to float, made its stock market debut this week bringing an average windfall of £1,200 to its nearly three million members. The share price opened the week at 290p, then immediately soared to 356p. If ended the week at 327p, however, this still meant that those who had applied for shares under the public offer are now looking at a paper profit of 62p per share. Those who applied for about £5,000 worth of shares, close to the average application size of £6,000, were allocated 36 per cent of the shares they applied for. These shareholders will now be sitting on a profit of about £420 on their

bonus of £250.

additional 680 shares. The public offer for the shares was hugely oversubscribed with Norwich Union members applying for £4.65 billion of shares when only £1.2 billion were available. The applications had to be massively scaled back.

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7 oolwich shares are now expected to reach between 304p and 312p according to the unofficial "grey market" run by IG Index, the financial bookmaker. This represents a fall on the grey market opening price of June 17 of between 332p and 340p. Yesterday's grey market price means that the 450-share minimum windfall will be worth around £1,400.

The anticipated price of Woolwich shares dropped because of the experiences of the Norwich Union, where the price of shares initially soared and then dropped back a little.

Halifax shares had a very good run during the week. On Monday, shares opened at 754p, but as the week drew to a close the shares shot up to 775p. The rise in the share price came as the index-tracking funds prepared for the entrance of the Halifax in to the FTSE 100 index on June 23. The average windfall of 310 shares will now be worth £2400. Halifax shares rose despite the market as a whole falling

during the week Alliance & Leicester shares also rose during the week. The price of shares rose 512 p over the week to end at 620 2 p. Shareholders who chose to hold onto their shares windfall of 250 shares would now have holdings worth £1,551.

Norwich Union, the first mutual insurance company to float, made its stock market debut this week at 290p. The shares had a volatile start, but eventually ended up at 327p, representing an average windfall more than £1,500. Those who applied for extra shares under the terms of the public offer are now on average looking at profits of £380.

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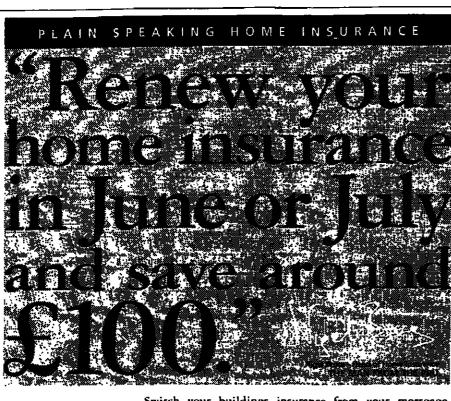
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Playing the long ball: Eric Cantona was drafted in to advertise the Eurostar service but shareholders fear an own goal over the refinancing deal

-Day for Eurotunnel

Nathan Yates says long-suffering holders may have had enough

or the 720,000 private investors in Eurotunnel, the day of reckoning may finally be at hand. On July 10 they will decide whether to vote for an £8.9 billion "debt for equity" rescue which has been thrashed out with the 174 creditor banks. Eurotunnel says their decision will determine whether one of the century's most ambitious engineering companies is resurrected or

consigned to the dustbin.
With the refinancing deal in the offing and the Channel Tunnel reopening for freight traffic this week, Eurotunnel says its long-suffering shareholders can look forward to profits. If the deal goes ahead, the first dividend could be paid in 2005, the board says. However, for some investors it is too late for more promises. A growing number are poised to reject the refinancing deal as a sell-out to the banks. For those pondering their ballot papers, the question is, where do their interests

Eurotunnel, a "yes" vote is the only answer. "If investors block the banks' package it is likely the company would be wound up and shareholders would lose all their holdings, including travel privileges." Eurotunnel says. "It is crucial that investors accept this deal." Creditor banks may be

allowed to take back the licence under which Eurotunnel operates if the refinancing is not approved. Eurotunnel says the banks would utilise this "right of substitution", and with the Channel Tunnel in the hands of would lose their holdings. But rebels dismiss the offer. They say it throws away their rights and future profits, and even bankruptcy would be a better option. In return for reducing debts from about £8.9 billion to £4 billion, the banks would take a big slice of the company.

Immediately after the deal, current shareholders would own just 54.5 per cent of Eurotunnel, with a further dilution to 39.4 per cent in 2003 if institutional bondholders decide to convert to equity. If Eurotunnel is unable to pay its interest bills, by 2006 current holdings could be cut yet again to 24.5 per cent.

The £4.9 billion reduction in debts is insufficient reward for such a loss in future earnings. the rebels claim. And according to George Berlioz, lawyer for the shareholder pressure group Adapte, the threat of "substitution" is less potent than Eurotunnel likes to admit. If the refinancing deal is

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anyway. The only people who would gain from a quick end to

the debt problem would be the

banks, who would receive inter-

est on their loans. The banks are attempting a bluff with no cards," he said. With sharehol-

ders' interests in the balance.

the outcome of next month's

ballot is uncertain. The rebels

need just one quarter of British

small investors' votes to block

the refinancing deal, and one

third of the French contingent.

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Eurotunnei ballot and refinanc-

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shareholder helpline, 0345-697-

397. Adapte can be reached on 00331-4824 1189.

ohn Tyzack is one of the

blocked, M Berlioz says banks would face a powerful legal challenge against substitution of the operator. The substitution clause was written into the contract so that the tunnel could be completed if Eurotunnel dropped out," he says. "It is now defunct, and I'm confident the courts would see it as such."

If the removal of Eurotunnel's contract were blocked. the company would enter bankruptcy proceedings under French law, which prioritises company survival over the interests of creditors. According to Mr. Berlioz, the most likely outcome would be a judicial restructuring of Eurotunnel's debt. much of which could be written off after actions claiming overlending and mismanagement

Eurotunnel faithful. He has held his 1,000 shares M Berlioz admits that there since Eurotunnel's launch in are many uncertainties in this 1987, and in that time he has seen his original outlay of. process, but insists sharehold-£3,500 shrink spectacularly. ers have nothing to lose. With the current price below 'Shareholders will not receive 70p, Mr Tyzack's holding is dividends for the next ten years

now worth about £700, about a fifth of his initial investment.

There have been occasions when Mr Tyzack could have made a profit on his Eurotunnel shares. In 1989 prices soared to over £11 amid City speculation that Channel Tunnel traffic would wipe out competition from ferries. A report by Salomon Brothers even predicted that shares would hit £20 by the end of the century.

However, the Nineties saw a series of Eurotunnel failures. The opening date was delayed until November 1994, more than a year later than was planned, and the Eurotunnel became locked in a pay dispute with construction contractors. A multi-billion-pound budget gulf opened up, and Eurotunnel attempted to close it with a series of loans and rights issues.

In 1990 it borrowed an extra ELS billion, and issued shares worth £556 million. In 1994 a further issue produced £858 million, but debts continued to climb. Last year the debt mountain of more than £8 billion was attracting £2 million interest every day, and the Channel Tunnel fire in November compounded this by temporarily putting an end to freight traffic. The company's value slumped.

Mr Tyzack's losses are now so large that whichever way the vote goes next month he has given up hope of regaining a respectable slice of his investment. I have no hope now that the shares will rise significantly." he said. "The banks have an unsympathetic attitude now the tunnel is complete, and it is clear another operator will step in and make the profits. The only gain for me now is the 30 per cent shareholders' travel discount, but if Eurotunnel is liquidated I expect even this will go."

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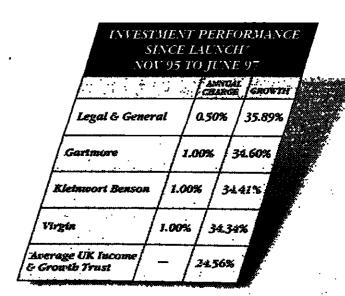
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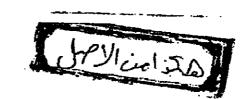


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The General goes into action again — this time in Whitehall

For the past three months Weekend Money has reported on the plight of war widows and service pensioners who felt let down by successive governments. With a change of government, there is optimism that the situation will improve. Jenny Grove reports



Kate Bartholomew, pictured in April, when Weekend Money highlighted the problems of widows who married after their husbands left the services

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ampaigners for better rights for armed forces widows are to put their case to Labour, in the hope of justice from the new Government. The 54,000 strong Officers' Pensions Society, headed by Major-General Peter Bonnet, is seeking a meeting with John Reid, Armed Forces

The society, which campaigns on behalf of all ranks. is trying to reopen the debate on the Armed Forces Pensions Scheme, several aspects of which it sees as unfair. Young widows lose their pensions if they remarry. This threat of the removal of their pensions means that they are unable to get loans because their income is not guaranteed. Elderly widows receive severely reduced pensions, simply because their husbands retired before a certain date.

In Parliament last month Oliver Letwin, MP, asked a question about widows who receive only one-third of their husband's service pension. However, John Spellar, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, refused to raise the rate from one third to one half on the grounds that improvements to

major public service schemes "should not be retrospective". About 52,000 elderly widows still receive "third-rate" pensions simply because their husbands completed their military service before March 31 1973. On that date the rate was raised from one third to one half, but ministerial munificence was not extended to widows of those who had al-

ready retired — their pensions

remained at the old rate. The ramifications are far "The blatant unfairness of reaching. War widow Jane

pension rise but refused war widows'

'MPs voted themselves a retrospective

relationship ends.

this is that these are elderly widows of men who fought for the nation through the Second World War, Last year MPs had no difficulty in breaching the no-retrospective principle when they voted themselves retrospective improvements in their pensions," General Bonnet commented.

Coronation Street recently drew attention to another shortcoming of military pensions when it featured Clare Palmer, a war widow who fell in love. In the television series,

Burrows, 32, whose husband was killed by an IRA bomb seven years ago, was refused a loan on the grounds that her pension was not paid for life.

Clare forfeited her war wid-

ows' pension when she decid-

ed to live with Des Barnes,

only to lose both her man and

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pensions if she remarries or

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and wife. These pensions are

now restored if the second

"We are campaigning for all military widows and widowers' pensions - not just war widows — to be paid for life, in line with private sector practice. That was what Sir Michael Bett recommended in his review of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme," General Bonnet said. The society is also

Kate Bartholomew, 75, who gets no military pension, because she married Major John Bartholomew after he had left the Army. His first wife died in 1973, and he retired from the forces in the same year.

Until April 6, 1978, widows of post-retirement marriages received no military pension. On that date the rules were changed to enable such widows to get a pension, but only if their husbands served in the forces after April 1978.

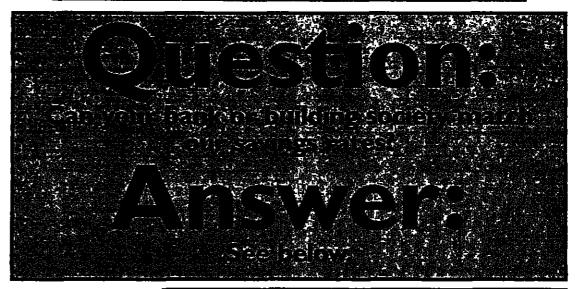
Also on the agenda are widows such as Mrs Betty Ives, 72. Mrs Ives' husband, Major Desmond Ives, received a depressed pension because he left the Army during the so-called pension "trough" year of 1977. His pension was based on pay rates on the day he retired, then limited by pay restraint.

By contrast that year, pensions of those already retired leapt 17.7 per cent - in line with the RPI. As a result, his pension was much lower than those of equivalent rank and length of service who had retired before him. Since his death 12 years ago, Mrs Ives' pension - one half of her husband's - has been correspondingly lower.



Jane Burrows with her son Mark holding a picture of her late husband Stephen who was killed on duty in Northern Ireland. She was refused a car loan after his death on the grounds that her war widow's pension was not paid for life

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Adam Jones says the Chancellor is looking closely at tax havens

Thinking of going offshore?

L the rules governing their tax affairs tightened up in the new Chancellor's first Budget next month.

Before the election, the Labour Party gave warning that some offshore financial arrangements needed to be taxed more rigorously, railing secrecy that is designed to frustrate both the Inland Revenue and UK law enforcement officers"

Now, with Gordon Brown's first Budget due on July 2, those members of the UK public with assets held in one of the world's many tax havens may be wondering if they are to be squeezed.

Offshore financial houses operate out of a range of urisdictions" such as the Caribbean or the Channel

For private investors, the services available offshore in-

ling and foreign currency bank accounts, mortgages, bonds and managed. funds, as well trusts formed to hold

those on the assets at high street also a range of aggressive pro-ducts which could not operate in the UK's tight regulatory regime, such as the fabled hedge funds whose speculation on currency movements have been held responsible, due to some exaggeration, for episodes such as the pound's traumatic withdrawal from Europe's exchange-rate mechanism. The choice is much more diverse than that found

subsidiaries of familiar UK One senior offshore banking figure believes a change is likely in the tax treatment of trusts. He said: "I suspect the Labour Government will be looking at inheritance tax IHT) very closely. If you want IHT to bite, then you have to look at the way people are avoiding it. One way is quite

in a UK high street, with

international players such as the big US banks standing

shoulder to shoulder with

clearly through trusts." David Kilshaw, a tax partner at KPMG, says Gordon Brown could end a provision that allows people with off-shore trusts created before 1991 to defer capital gains tax

nvestors with money in until the money is brought back into the country. He could make the tax payable immediately or raise the interest rate charged on the deferred tax.

Contrary to the widespread offshore services are not all British expatriates. They include doctors, dentists, accountants and lawvers who want to shield some of their assets from possible profeswell as rich individuals who use offshore trusts as part of tax planning strategy.

Among them are also for-eign nationals living in the UK and residents of politically unstable countries seeking

The Treasury has so far given little away on Labour's plans to tackle the offshore tax and regulation issues. A Treaic, saying that Dawn Prima-

Secretary to the Interest rates Treasury. offered offshore was examin ing all the are generally no available' options of better than revenue raising. It is unlikely that the tax

> counts, perhaps the simplest offshore financial arrangement, will be significantly changed. The biggest jurisdictions, such as the Cayman Islands, have nearly \$500 billion each in banking deposits, with the Channel Islands holding about \$230 million. both from a global base.

vices found on the mainland, such as telephone and even Internet banking in the case of Royal Bank of Scotland, but they very rarely advertise in Britain. This is partly because the banks want rich customers who are more likely to come to them than he lured by an advert.

Besides, the interest rates offered offshore are generally high street. The circumspection may also be due to a reluctance to alienate the Revenue, which might not be too happy about banks persuading UK taxpayers to transfer their assets out of the country as taxpayers must declare all money earned outside the UK



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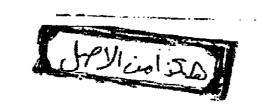


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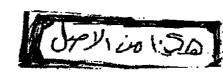


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Pep providers target £30bn windfalls

Thousands of people who never ventured beyond the safety of a building society now have shares. Caroline Merrell explains how to

shield these gains from tax

few fortunate souls A have managed to scoop a full house of windfall shares in this summer's £30 billion wave of conversions With three of this year's five flotations of former mutuals

now completed, some are now

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closely at tax have

holding packages of shares worth an average of £5,000. Those who have shares with Norwich Union and Halifax, worth a total of £3,500 still have the opportunity to put their shares into a personal equity plan (Pep) in order to shelter any capital gains and income from tax.

Under a concession from the Treasury, passed by the previous Government, these shares can be put in to a Pep at zero value. This means that windfall beneficiaries can not only put their free shares into a Pep, but they can also use their annual allowances of £6,000 for a general Pep and £3,000

for a single-company plan.
Sadly, it is now too late for those with an Alliance & Leicester windfall to put their shares into a Pep. Those who bought extra Norwich Union shares through the discounted public offer, can also Pep their shares. However, these shares cannot be transferred into a Pep at zero value. This means that the amount of shares that you transfer will be deducted from your annual allowances.

The argument in favour of pepping windfall shares is very strong. Norwich Union and Halifax's dividend yield

saver with an average windfall from both these organisations will be paid total annual dividends of £105. Pepping these two windfalls will save £42 of tax for a higher-rate tax payer, £24 for a basic-rate tax payer and £21 for a lower-rate tax

payer.
The question for the millions of newly fledged building society shareholders is where they should put their windfall shares. Some companies will accept the shares into a Pep, while others will demand that the shares exchanged for units in unit trust Peps. It is also possible to hold the shares within a single company Pep - however, windfall investors should note that it is only possible to take out one single company Pep per year.

Pepping schemes

The schemes that allow the windfall shares themselves to be used include plans by Fidelity. This scheme has a nil initial annual charge until April 1999. After that, the fund management company will charge a flat rate of £15 pa. This charge will be waived if the shareholder takes out a Fidelity Pep with a minimum contribution of £30 a month, or a £1,000 single contribution.

Gartmore, the unit trust company now owned by Nat-West, will accept the windfall shares in its investment trust Pep. The plan carries no initial windfall investor put another



Windfalls, like these juicy apples lying in a Kent garden, are often sweeter than plucked fruit. Windfall shares have the same effect on their recipients

charge, however, it does carry an annual charge of 0.5 per cent, a ! per cent charge for reinvesting the dividends and another I per cent charge for switching to another class of share within the trust. This Pep also requires that the

£100 per month in the plan or invest an additional £1,500. Guinness Flight's windfall

Pep carries no initial charge and a 1 per cent annual fee. The fund manager does not require windfall investors to put any more of their own cash in the Pep. Other windfall Peps

that require no extra investment include those offered by Mercury, M&G, Perpetual and Save & Prosper. Mercury's has no initial charge and will only charge the Pep holder a maximum of £15 per year, regardless of how many shareholdings are transferred. M&G's Pep will cost £8 pa per shareholding, while Perpetual will charge a £4 dividend fee. Those who want to sell their shares in this latter Pep will be charged 1.65 per cent. Save & Prosper's windfall Pep has no initial charge. The shares will be held free until 1999 after

which a £10 pa per shareholding fee will be levied. Fund managers that want extra investments in their Peps include Henderson, Invesco, Schroder and Singer & Friedlander. Henderson for instance, has no initial charge, but will charge a £5 dividend collection fee. Anyone who puts their windfalls in Henderson's Pep will have to invest an additional £1,000 or will have to put another £100 per month in the scheme.

Invesco's Pep carries an initial charge of £15 per share-holding plus 1.5 per cent pa. This scheme also carries exit penalties in the first year. Those who choose an Invesco scheme will have to put an extra £35 per month in to the Pep, or invest a lump sum of

£1,000. Schroder is offering windfall investors an investment trust Pep. This carries no initial charge, but instead carries an annual charge of 0.5 per cent. This company insists that a further lump sum investment of £3,000 be put in the Pep.

Many brokers will also accept windfall shares in Peps, among them Killik & Co, Albert E Sharp and Capel Cure Myers. Killik offers general and single-company Peps. It will charge £7.50 per dividend received. A minimum investment of £2,000 is needed. Albert E Sharp's Pep carries

only an annual charge of 1.25 per cent of the portfolio value and also offers general and single-company Peps. The

vestment of £3,000. Out of all the Peps on offer that allow investors to hold on to their shares, BESt Invest-ment, the independent financial adviser, only recommends

Exchanging shares

those plans from Perpetual and Guinness Flight.

Some financial advisers believe that it is not worth holding on to windfall shares, as the banking sector itself is overvalued. Over the past few days, the FT-SE 100 index has begun to fall, on the back of

As the banking shares have climbed on average higher than the rest of the shares in the market, they could fall

John Spiers, of BESt Invest-ment, said: "Halifax shares are trading at almost double the level predicted six months ago. For private investors just doing nothing has been the best policy, but we think bank shares are no longer a one-

He added: "Owning indi-vidual shares is not the best investment policy for most people, it involves too much risk and requires continuous monitoring. Our advice is to buy into a managed fund." The eagerness among fund managers to attract windfalls means that many are offering cheap entry into their funds.

Those that are offering exchange options into Peps in-clude HSBC, Kleinwort Benson, Marks & Spencer, Schroder, Jupiter and Virgin Direct. None carry an initial charge for setting up the Pep. Kleinwort Benson, HSBC and Jupiter will charge for buying the units, all carry annual management charges of up to 1.5 per cent.

Those who do choose to ex-change their windfalls for units should look at the past performance of the funds.

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Husbands and wives each have a Pep allowance, so a couple could invest up to £18,000 a year in Peps. In addition to your total £9,000 allowance, the Inland

Revenue has decided that windfall shares from the demutualisation of Norwich Union and the Halifax, Woolwich, Northern Rock and Alliance & Leicester are of nil value and can be transferred into your Pep in addition to the maximum holding. This ruling applies to shares transferred into a Pep within 42 days of issue.

 $\mathbf T$ hough they are classed as having no value, when you come to sell the free shares you will make a capital gain equivalent to their original value plus any appreciation in the interim. For this reason, if you have several sets of windfall shares and you intend to sell them all in this financial year, you should consider Pepping them. If they are worth more than £6,300 together and not in a Pep, you will have to pay capital gains tax at your highest rate of tax. Several fund managers will allow you to hold shares within an ordinary Pep. They include Fidelity, John Govett

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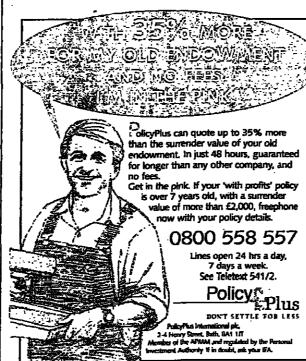
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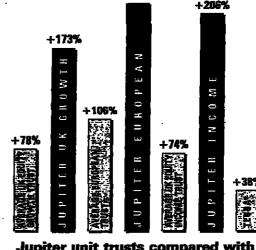
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Helen Pridham says moving managers is not always plain sailing

Trade in your old plan for a new one

one plan manager all the time. If your existing Peps are underperforming or your re-quirements have changed, you can transfer your existing investments to another manager without affecting the tax status of those plans or using up your current year's Pep allowance.

"Investors often do not realise that they can move their Peps between plan managers," said Jason Hollands of BESt Investment, the independent financial adviser, "but awareness is starting to grow." He recommends that people who have several Pep holdings should review their performance from time to time and check if the geographic spread is still appropriate. A transfer may be advisable.

Pep transfers are likely to become increasingly common in years to come as peoples' circumstances change said Hayden Green of The Pep Shop in Nottingham. "Investors who originally took out Peps for capital growth will want to switch into income funds as they reach retirement and this may well involve transfering to another manager with a better equity income or corporatebond Pep " he said.

Transferring a Pep can be to an investor's advantage but it is seldom trouble-free. Although it does not actually involve the investor in much work - you just instruct the new manager who gets in touch with your previous provider to arrange the transfer - snags can arise:

■ Time: The transfer process can take longer than you expect. An efficient manager cun release your investment within a the average is two to four ested several years orf Pep all-Direct in Wolverhampton, said "I have known of at least one transfer that took if) weeks to complete." Fortunately, most of this time is taken up with the paperwork, the actual period for which your money is not invested as it passes from one manager to another is likely to be only four or five days.

Peter Ship, of the Pep Managers Association, said the problem is that managers losing business do not give transfers top priority, though most are not breaking any rules. "Reven-

disentangle them and transfer say, just one year's worth to a new manager. This is because most leading Pep managers. including Credit Suisse. Gartmore, Perpetual, Save & Prosper and Schroder, "bundle" together the separate years into

one plan.

They argue that this procedure is administratively more convenient for them and for clients as well since they receive details of all their Pep s on one statement. However, Fidelity which does not bundle its Peps.

'I have known of at least one transfer that took 10 weeks'

ue guidance notes state that a transfer should take place not more than 30 days after the investor's instructions are received by the manager." Time taken may be influenced by the Pep type. A unit trust simply needs to be sold and the proceeds passed on to the new manager. But if you have shares which you wish to transfer, this may take longer because the plan manager will have to re-register your shares via the company registrar. This can be used as

stopped it providing consolidated statements.

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an excuse, said Mr Ship. Problems can arise over outstanding dividend tax credits. There is always a gap between dividends being paid and managers getting tax back from the Revenue, If a transfer takes place, the capital will usually be paid over and any outstanding tax credits paid later but some managers sit on the money until the credits arrive.

One unit trust manager said that it did not really matter if plans were bundled anyway because investors seldom wanted to transfer just one year's allowance. "If investors are dissatisfied with you, they will generally transfer all their

least spread your capital across a range of funds or shares depending on what is offered by your Pep provider. Bundling of single-company Peps is more limiting. If you invest in the same company for years and your allowances are bundled into one plan, you may find yourself unable to diversify your investment in future. If you want something different you will have to invest the lot in another single replacement

resulted in "an unnecessa restriction of consumer choice."

Cost: Some cost will usually. be incurred in transfering from one Pep manager to another. though an improvement in performance could more than make up for this within a relatively short space of time. First of all, you may have to paysomething to the manager you, are leaving.

Some plans have exit fees if you transfer during the first three to five years. These include unit trust plans offered by Guinness Flight, M&G, Legal & General and Virgin Direct. Some other plan managers levy flat fees, Henderson, for example, has a £20 charge.

Even if you do not have to foot. any bills on leaving, you will often be faced with paying your new Pep manager an initial charge which could be anything up to 6 per cent on a unit trust plan. So if you were transferring, say, three years' general Peps, the cost could amount to more than EI,000, ...

However, some managers reduce or even waive their initial charges for transfers, Perpetual and Credit Suisse, for example, take a reduced initial charge of 3 per cent on transfers instead of their usual 5.25 per cent. Fidelity will make no charge at all if investors transfer direct rather than through a financial adviser. Another way to reduce or eliminate the initial charge is to use a discount broker such as Pep-Direct or The Pep Shop which will rebate to you the commission they would normally receive on a

Single-company loophole may be stopped

that is almost certain to be closed in the next Budget is one concerning single-company plans. At the mo-ment due to a quirk in the rules, it is possible to invest the annual £3,000 single company allowance in a Dublinlisted company that is basically a tracker

This can be an attractive option for investors who believe that putting £3,000 in the shares of one company is much too high a risk. Many investors fail to use up their annual £3,000 limit for just this

Jason Hollands, BESt Investment. said: "You can only really justify putting 10 per cent of your portfolio into one share, which means that only those with at least £30,000 of investments should

ke out a single-company plan." Mr Hollands expressed surpise that the Inland Revenue had not moved to close the loophole sooner, "It flies so obviously in the face of the spirit of the legislation that it is amazing that it has not already been stopped, but it can only be a matter of time," he said.

any companies were considering launching plans to exploit A the loophole, but have put their plans on hold after consultation with the Inland Revenue. Among the fund managers that do offer Dublin-listed schemes is HSBC. From June 26, the the HSBC Pep Plus VI will be available for transfers of up to £9,000. This particular five-year Pep will offer a minimum return of 120 per cent of the rise in the FT-SE 100

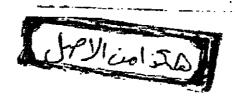
index. Mr Hollands believes that those who have not used up their annual single-company E3.000 allowance should

cunsider investing through this plan. Other companies that are offering similar types of schemes include Legal &: General. Hs plan offers 140 per cent of the gain in the FTSE 100 index or a return of the capital if the index falls over that

Johnson Fry is also offering a similer type of product. The performance of the Johnson Fry scheme is linked to the performance of the British. United States and Japanese stock markets.

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Matthew Wall on the workings of a much-misunderstood Pep

Will Brown bring a rush to bonds?

The Treasury's pre-Bud-get musings about the possible abolition or reduction of the Dividend Tax Credit on Advance Corporation Tax has sent the stock market into a spin. If the threat materialises and yields on equities tumble, some see investors seeking sanctuary in bonds — good news for corporate-bond Peps.
But the problem with them

is that their popularity is probably inversely proportional to the amount of people who understand them. Total corporate-bond Pep sales have topped £2.6 billion since they were launched in July 1995, with this April alone seeing sales of £293 million. They now account for more than 20 per cent of Pep sales.

Bonds, whether issued by companies or governments, provide a fixed rate of interest and a set capital sum on maturity. But the income from a bond fund can fluctuate, as managers buy and sell investments within it. And a corporate-bond Pep need not contain any corporate bonds at all, as convertibles and preference shares are eligible.

As bank and building society savings rates fell in the were forced to look elsewhere for better income. When corporate-bond Peps arrived they seemed to fit the bill, marketed as cheap, tax-free income providers offering twice what deposit accounts could, with little extra risk.

But there are widely varying levels of risk with different investment strategies. Virgin Direct, which launched its bond Pep in October 1995, prides itself on an extremely low-risk strategy based on a high proportion of gilts and low-risk corporate bonds from blue-chip companies such as Tesco, Glaxo and BT. Tony Wood, Virgin Direct's marketing director, said: "This Pep is most suitable for people looking to supplement retirement income in a tax efficient way. ner. What people in this position want is regular and reliable income with minimal capital risk. Our low-risk, passively-managed fund, has grown to £150 million in less than two years-and has delivered a 7 to 8 per cent yield."

But Abtrust's bond Pep,

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managed by Paul Reed, head of fixed interest, is an entirely different animal. Nearly two thirds of the £186 million fund is in convertible bonds, socalled because they can be converted into shares later.

36.45 per cent total return since July 1995, assuming reinvested gross income.

should also and be aware that if charges come from capital rather than income the income level may be higher but with greater threat of capital erosion. Jason Holland at



interested in gilts offering rates of about 7.25 per cent. The convertibles I go for yield at least 8.5 per cent. About a quarter of the fund is in corporate bonds. I accept our fund is riskier than others. It certainly won t suit those seeking a slightly higher yield than they get on their deposit account. I aim to deliver a high yield coupled with some

capital appreciation."
This racier approach has certainly been more profitable. Despite a highish 1.25 per cent annual management charge and an initial 3.5 per cent charge, Abtrust's bond

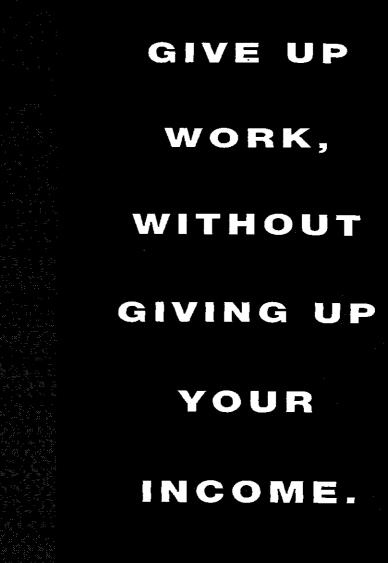
Ian Millward, of Chase de Vere, the Bath independent financial adviser, said: "Bond Peps are obviously not appropriate for people looking for growth. Rising interest rates mean that capital values might actually fall."

Investors need to shop around for a bond fund with an established track record. Initial charges range from 0 to 6 per cent and annual management charges range from

of income and low capital risk:

> ■ Guinness Flight Value Bond Pep, no initial fee, 0.65 per cent annual, minimum investment £3,000 (current yield 7.06 per cent).

■ Barclays Unicorn Income Manager Pep, 3.25 per cent initial, 0.75 per cent annual, minimum investment £1.000 (current yield 7.50 per cent). ■ Virgin Direct Income Pep, no initial, 0.7 per cent annual, minimum investment £1,000 (current yield 7.4) per cent).



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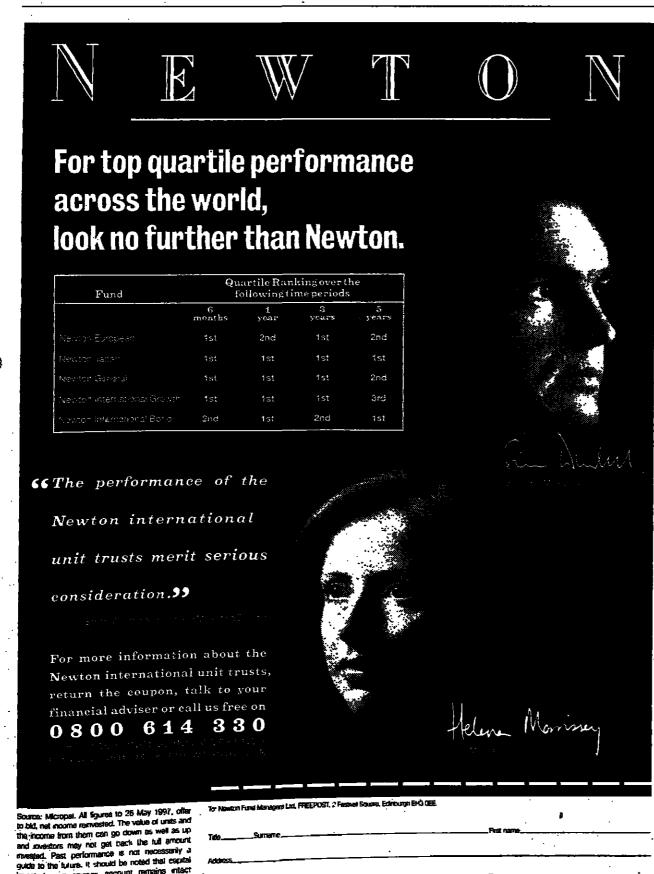
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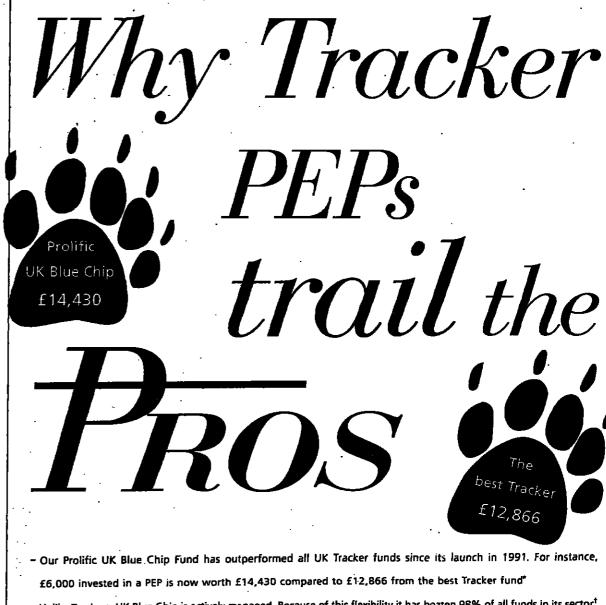
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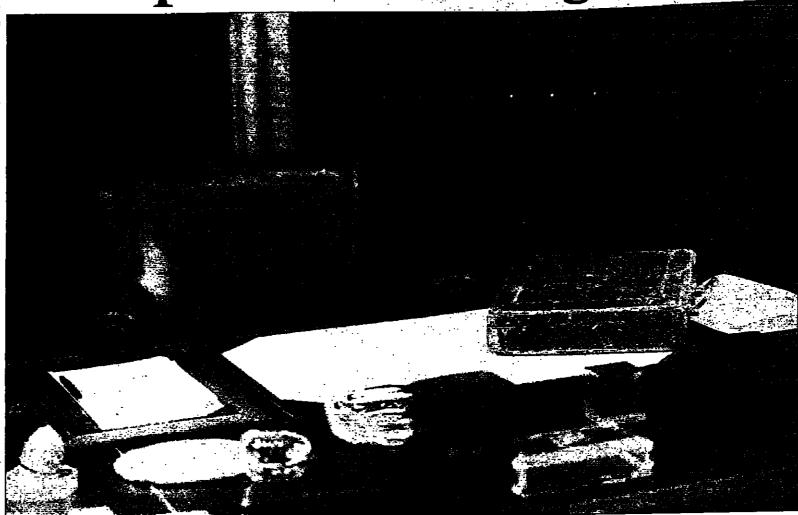
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the Conservative administration, encouraging milshares in British industry. However, the new Labour Government may decide in future to cap the amount of money that can be held in a Pep because it feels higher rate tax-payers with large holdings do not need extra incentives to invest. There are other concerns for the future of Peps.

The Pep management in-dustry is particularly con-cerned that if the Chancellor changed the rules over dividend tax credits (see page 33). the tax advantages and popularity of Peps could be signifi-

It worries that dividend tax redits are an easy target for a Government looking for new ways of raising revenue, since scrapping them completely could raise billions for the Exchequer. A 5 per cent de:. crease to 15 per cent is seen as more likely, raising some £2

Standard Life, the insurance group and one of the largest Pep providers, commented: Peps would be hit hard because most people hold tax, but to enjoy tax-free dividends from shares."

Reducing or abolishing the dividend credit will mean that Peps are only bought by higher-rate taxpayers and those who will make a capital gain of more than £6,500 each ear and want to avoid capital

gains tax. There may be other side effects from the reduction or abolition of the dividend tax credit, including a fall in share values, making equity investment through Peps less attractive. Some have even predicted that equities could fall 20 per cent if the dividend credit was abolished. Pre-Budget worries

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again after the Budget if the Chancellor's new measures are regarded by the Cityas hostile to profits and anticompetitive.

Jason Hollands of BESt Investment, the Pep expert, said: "We believe this could be a radical Budget, and for that reason and because of the strength of the pound and the uncertainty over UK equities we would recommend investing at least part of your funds outside the UK.

"We particularly like those fund managers with a spread of funds into which customers can put differing amounts depending on their risk profile." BESt investment recommends Perpetual, Gartmore, Credit Suisse and Guinness Flight as well-managed funds with the opportunity to buy into a number of other funds.

across the UK, US and Europe, with some exposure to the Far East and possibly Japan," Mr. Hollands said. "Although for the last couple of years Japan has been a bit of a dog, analysts are starting to turn bullish again and there

> reconsider investing in the market. In the past, Japanese domestic investors have placed great

market. Now, however, a lot of large companies are introducing share-option schemes to employees which will expand and encourage share ownership."

For first-time Pep investors who want to buy before the Budget, Mr Hollands suggests putting a quarter of your Pep allocation for a general Pep (the maximum allowance is £6.000 a year) into Perpetual's Far Eastern Growth fund. He suggests a further quarter in Perpetual's UK Growth fund and half in its International Growth fund which has holdings in US, European and some UK companies. He also likes Gartmore, which has a European Select Opportunities Fund, a UK Smaller Companies fund and a wide range of funds for the £1.500

which the Pep rules allow in

Mr Hollands said: "We do not believe that the Labour Government is hostile to the principle behind Peps. However, in the long term it is likely that tax allowances will be amalgamated into an individual savings account. Peps could be phased out gradually or have a fixed ending date. perhaps the end of the financial year next April.

Chase de-Vere, which offers independent advice on Peps. has a more bearish perspective on the Labour Govern-

"Peps came about as a direct result of the Tory party philosophy of popular capitalism.. No government gives away money without a good reason. and with over £6 billion invested in Peps over the last. year, the loss of revenue to the Government is enormous." said Ian Millward, author of. Chase de Vere's Pep Guide.

"The Labour Party is likely i to continue to offer tax incentives, but its motivation will be: different. One option would be to replace Peps with a far less flexible investment which commits investors' money for longer terms."

He likes funds managed by Perpetual, Credit Suisse an number of investors still have a very UK-based portfolio and should start to diversify. He also likes the Schroder High Income Pep, which he describes as an aggressive investment that is "not for the faint-hearted".

European funds lead the way

uropean and smaller companies funds have been the star performders among peppable unit trusts, according to Chase de Vere's new Pep Guide for 1997. Jupiter, one of the smaller fund

nanagers, tops the chart and holds the first, second and sixth positions in the 20 op-performing unit trusts over five years. Income trust has turned £1.000 into £3,380 over the period, while its European fund has increased to £3,353. While UK stocks in the past 12 months have, in the words of Chase de Vere. "enjoyed a tremendous bull run". Europe has been quietly outperforming many other world

Of the 20 top funds, more than half of them invest in European stocks, and both the third and fourth places are held by European funds - those of Old Mutual

and Morgan Grenfeli. Smaller companies funds are also showing a healthy trend towards growth. with trusts managed by BWD Rensburg, Invesco and Britannia included among

an Millward, author of the Pep Guide, says it is still not too late for investors to get a piece of the action in Europe. "There is no reason why European funds should not continue their excellent run, and they are still cheap enough to offer good value," he says. A surprise inclusion in the top 20 is

Morgan Grenfell's European Growth trust. Having recovered from the Peter Young scandal, it is now rated fourth by Chase de Vere. Among the investment

trusts, Europe is again the star perform-er, although it is the riskier Foreign & Colonial Enterprise fund, which invests in unquoted UK companies, which claims the number one slot. It has turned £1.000 into £4.267 over five years,

including gross income reinvested.

Close behind is Henderson TR's European Growth, Invesco's English & Inter-national. Jupiter's Primadona and European funds, and Gartmore's European investment trust.

Both Prolific and Henderson have technology unit trusts which have performed well over the past five years. However, because the bulk of technology stocks are in the United States these do not qualify for inclusion in a Pep. ::

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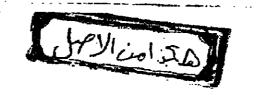
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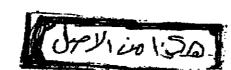


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Karen Zagor on the attractions of strippable gilts



Shirley Eaton showed off the natural allure of gilt in Goldfinger. Today many investors look to gilts as a solid, safe, long-term investment

hange in the tax treatment of gilts is causing confusion among private investors, altough the reform was intended to take gilts more attractive to a wider umber of individuals. The move, hich takes effect this month, stems om reforms to make more stocks "trippable" - divisible into their apital and interest components and ierefore more convenient for the

eeds of some holders. All of the Treasury's new benchnark gilt issues will now be strippale. Ultimately, this will bring the roportion of strippable stock to 100 er cent from about 33 per cent today. anet Field is among those who have

contacted The Times to voice irritation at the changes. She is concerned that interest on an increasing number of gilts is now paid gross, before the deduction of tax. Like thousands of other investors who want a simple life, Mrs Field would prefer to have tax deducted at source, freeing ber from having to pay the money herself to the Inland Revenue.

She said: "I have purchased gilts both through stockbrokers and through the National Savings Stock Register. I have always found those bought through the National Savings to be a nuisance, as the interest is paid gross and I have to have money at hand to pay the tax bill. Now 1 learn that the interest on other gilts will also be paid gross.

The Treasury says its decision to change the tax treatment was intended to give greater investor appeal. Some investors - mainly non-taxpayers, such as pensioners and children - are better off when their investment income is not taxed at source. Taxpayers also benefit from being able to invest for a longer period before tax is due.

There are also technical reasons for the change. In order to make the tax treatment of a strippable gilt equivalent to a reconstituted gilt (see definitions), the Treasury needed to make gross interest payments on the interest or "coupons" on strippable gilts. "The gilts needed to be neutral in the tax treatment so there would be not an incentive to strip or not to strip, otherwise the market doesn't work," said one observer.

The Treasury hopes the changes will encourage more people to buy gilts, helping to reduce yields and save taxpayers' money. The Treasury will lose money through timing because taxpayers will not be taxed at source, there will be a delay before the Treasury receives tax on the gilts but it hopes improved sales will more than compensate. In addition, taxpayers should be prepared to pay more for a better cashflow.

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fter Labour's electoral victory, prices of giltedged stock soared, prtly because of a widespread baef that giving the Bank of Egland control over interest ræ policy is the best way of keping inflation in check. Ahough gilt prices have now one off their May highs, the epectation of a reasonable irlation climate remains. 🗻

Low inflation is good for gilt hiders because gifts are fixedicome investments. Any invstment with a fixed income vulnerable to inflation, wich erodes its value. At the mment, gilts also have more atractive yields than their Erropean counterparts. As Bitain moves closer to Erope, gilt rates may be reuced to align them more deely with European bonds.

What exactly are gilt-edged stocks?

Governments almost al-A ways spend more than the raise through taxation.

Gilts, or British Government Bonds, are essentially IOUs issued by the Government to raise money. In America they are called US Treasury bonds. Instead of borrowing from the bank, the Government borrows directly from investors.

So how do these bonds So how do these work in practice?

Each gilt has a fixed life Each gilt mas a man and a fixed repayment or redemption price at the end of that period. Annual interest called the coupon or dividend - is also fixed at the time of issue. Gilts are generally broken into different groups, depending on their length.

Short-dated gilts, or shorts, which have five years or less to run. Mediums have between five and 15 years, and longs have more than 15 years. There are also less conventional gilts such as the undated, with no final repayment date, and index-linked, where interest payments and redemption values are linked to inflation.

If the repayment price and dividend are fixed. why do prices and yields

A Gilts are traded, so investors buy them at their market price, not their redemption price. As a result, the actual yield on your investment will fluctuate with the market. A good rule of thumb to remember is that when gilt prices go up their yields go down, and vice versa.

So how is the yield on each stock calculated?

The yield is calculated in two ways. The first, called the flat or current yield, is the easiest to measure but the less accurate measurement. It is a measurement of the gilt's coupon as a percentage of its price. The second, the redemption or yield-to-maturity, is the return you would get every year if you held the gilt to maturity. It is a more complicated calculation which

incorporates the price you buy at and the amount you will get when the gilt is repaid.

How does a stripped gilt work?

Stripping is the process A of breaking out a coupon bond into its constituent parts: interest and principal payments. For example, if you were to strip a 15-year bond with two interest payments a year you would get 30 separate coupon payments and one payment of principal.

Are gilts a really safe Q Are gills a investment?

Since the Government tends to be the most creditworthy institution of all, gilts are about the safest investment there is.

But are gilts a good investment right now!

Like most decisions, the A Like most decisions, the answer will depend part-

ly on whether you think TO interest rates are going to rise dramatically. It will also depend on whether you want to hold the gilt to maturity or trade on a shorter-term basis. Holders of longer-dated bonds can lose quite substantially if they buy just before rates rise much. On the other hand, short-term traders might buy when they think rates are OR about to fall because the yield on the bond they want to sell will seem higher if rates fall.

What are the disadvantages of gilts?

Gifts do not have the potential to produce the spectacular returns of equitybased investments. Nor do they have the tax advantages of equities when held in a personal equity plan. Gilts are good investments for people who need a steady income, but generally not much use for capital growth.

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Sainsbury's rate looks hard to beat

diligent savers intensthis week, with Sainsbury's Bank sweetening the terms of its already competitive rates. Savers with less than EL,000 to deposit, who need easy access to their money, will have a hard time beating the new rate of 6.15 per cent brought in yesterday.

The rate is flat, regardless of how much you have in your account, which is good news for savers who regularly de-plete and replenish their accounts. The minimum balance is El and a cashcard is available with the account.

Although the Sainsbury's rate is not the best on the market for those with more money to deposit, it is better than that offered by many of the bigger building societies. Alliance & Leicester is keen to promote its Platinum Plus 90day notice account, which it says "still offers rates which cannot be beaten by the top ten building societies". Yet the Alliance & Leicester account is far from competitive when compared with the best rates listed in MoneyFacts.

For deposits of £2,500 to £4,999. Alliance & Leicester pays only 4.85 per cent, rising to 6.15 per cent for accounts

ture the business of per cent for deposits in the £10,000 to £24,999 range.

In contrast, Cheltenham & Gloucester is offering a fla rate of 6.25 per cent on deposits of £1,000 and higher in its Instant Transfer account. The works in tandem with a saver

ordinary bank account.

Abbey National's Bonus
postal account offers attract tive rates, provided your hal ance does not fall below £2,000. Rates start at 6.75 per cent for amounts up to £9,999 but the rates include a bonus of 1.99 per cent for not allowing the balance to drop below the minimum.
Alliance & Leicester's first

class instant postal account fares better than its notice account when compared with competitors. The account pays 6.85 per cent on balances of £10,000 and higher. However, only three withdrawals are allowed per year.

For savers with at least £2,500 to deposit, First National Building Society's 90day notice account has rates starting at 6.45 per cent on deposits up to £4,999, rising in tiers to 7 per cent on balances

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Bradford & Bingley BS 01274 555332		5 year	-£500	7.00	· Yly

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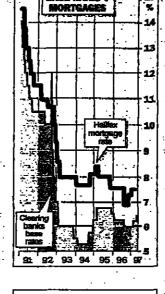
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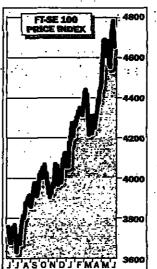
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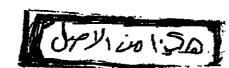
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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Greenwich should ask its members

Sir, I would like to register my protestat the hasty sell-out of Greenvich Building Society members' interests.

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Then have been no discussion ir consultation with members and no evidence of approval by professional advisers for the terms in the merge documents.

The price being paid to Greenvich members is very

poor. I amounts to 50 per cent of Grenwich reserves. Con-vering building societies are valued at approximately dou-

ble thir reserves. Thebasis of distribution is unfair in a one-member one-

Astonished by Prudential policy

notice of any helpline. I now have only anxieties about this From Ms G. M. Cumpstey Sir. Iwas astonished to read that the direct sales staff at the particular investment. The Prudestial are to get free share policy documents state that it options if they successfully is advisable to leave the money compete a retraining programme (Pru staff get free invested for ten years. As the Prudential salesman indicated share to retrain, June 7). to me that the drawback of a

I have a Prudential Savings Account. At the time of purchasing I was interested in a Tesse but accepted the salesman' advice that the Prudential avings Account was a bette option. My problem is that I have no idea if this prodict was really the best

Since the leak of the draft repot by the SIB I have searcied the press for information about this account. I havehad no contact from the Pruential, nor have I seen

vote situation, the bonuses should be distributed on a flatrate basis or on a flat minimum plus percentage of investment. A Greenwich voting member with £100 will get £5, one with four £50,000 accounts will get £10,000. Unfortunately, the Greenwich members have nobody to look after their interests as the

directors have unanimously supported the proposals. While it is the board's policy to support mutuality, it is high-handed of the directors to think that members have the same ideological commitment. After all, when Halifax, Woolwich and other society mem-

Tessa was that the money was

locked up for five years, I do

not feel confident now to seek

Since the Prudential is pre-

pared to look after their sales

staff with retraining and share options, perhaps it is time it

gave some consideration to its

GRAINNE CUMPSTEY,

further advice from him.

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CGT ALLOWANCES - MAY 1997

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assets disposed of in May 1997

Yours faithfully.

to an eight-month period. The annualised figure is 7.17 per The Greenwich may be too

plenty of potential bidders for small and large building bers were given the chance, they all voted with 95 per cent majorities to opt for higher cash or share windfalls. Why

Members of Cheltenham & Gloucester, National & Pro-vincial and Bristol & West all voted overwhelmingly to ac-

cept takeover offers.

Mr Nichols, do the decent thing. Tell us if you have had any approaches and announce that if more favourable offers are received, these will be put before members. JAMES KELLY, Church Lane,

Newcastle.

smail to convert, but there are Still waiting for Hector

not give Greenwich members

deal. The Greenwich is in sound financial shape, with a

higher gross capital ratio than

the Portman. The Greenwich

profit figure as a percentage of reserves is quoted in the merg-

er document as 4.78 per cent.

This misleading figure relates

There is no need for a rushed

We may be short on forms facts and files... that don't matter



From Mr Richard Fisher Sir, I wonder whether Hector will be as prepared to penalise himself for his own shortcomings as he is to penalise the rest of us for ours (Weekend Money Comment, June 7).

Although on PAYE, I have to complete a tax return every year as I also have investments for which I submit a composite tax return prepared by my broker. This year, having not received my usual form from the Inland Revenue, I inquired why and was subjected to an extraordinary cross-examination as to why I thought I needed one. I pointed out that they had only to refer to my file to see why, and I was finally told, rather grudgingly, that the matter would be "looked

I heard nothing more so, having been in touch with 1 Middle Lane, N8.

their customer services department last year about another matter. I phoned that department again. They were far more helpful

and having made inquiries phoned to tell me that I would be sent a return, and apologised for the fact that I had not been contacted to tell me so. But they then apologised further, being forced to admit that there would be yet more delay as they had actually run out of tax return forms. I am still

waiting [for a form]. Just how well prepared for the new system is the Inland Revenue, let alone the rest of the population? And will I be allowed a late return in view of the fact that the Inland Revenue were not able to supply me with a tax return? Yours faithfully.

RICHARD FISHER.

THE WEEK IN MONEY

TAX experts predict that self-assessment, the new tax system affecting 8.5 million people, will deliver a windfall bonus of at least £150 million to the Inland Revenue because of fines levied for late payment and noncompliance.

ABOUT 1.8 million Norwich Union with-profit poli-cyholders each received a minimum £1,000 payout in the latest demutualisation windfall bonanza on Mon-day. Applications for new shares in the insurance group had been scaled down after the issue was heavily oversubscribed, ensuring instant profits.

■ ABBEY NATIONAL has confirmed that it is poised to buy Cater Allen, the finan-cial services group. The negotiations could lead to a deal valuing Cater Allen at up to £200 million and would be part of a broad

shift away from traditional savings and morigages op-erations at Abbey National.

■ MIKE BLACKBURN, chief executive of the Hali-fax, is to be the new presi-dent of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (CIB), the banking industry asso-ciation. The appointment underlines the former building society's raised sta-tus on the high street.

THE West Bromwich Building Society saw its profits rise £4.8 million, to £21.3 million, in the year to March 31. The society restated its commitment to mutuality.

BANKS, building societies and insurance companies stand accused of charging customers an ex-tra S billion a year because of their administrative inefficiencies and out-of-date

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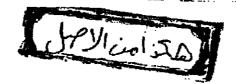
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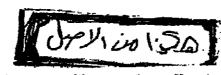


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GOLF: SPANIARD WITH HAMPSHIRE CONNECTIONS LEADS AFTER TWO ROUNDS OF GERMAN OPEN

Garrido on course to emulate father

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN STUTTGART

its favours without rhyme or reason. It is giving them to Ignacio Garrido, a charming Spaniard who is leading the Volvo German Open after 36 holes and will surely become a Ryder Cup player some day, as his father was before him.

At the same time, it is taking them away from Steven Richardson, a Ryder Cup player in 1991 who is now in a trough of great depth, having missed the halfway cut in every event he has entered this season.

Of course, it is easy to be engaging and talkative when you have just gone round in 67, are ten under par, leading by two strokes and obviously playing well. There were few blemishes on the card of Garrido, who holed at least three putts of nine feet or more. At .25, he is thinking

more about improving his game still further rather than getting into this year's Ryder Cup team. "I want to become more consistent," he said. "I do not like missing cuts. If I play well and am in the top ten of the Ryder Cup points table so be it. It will be because I am

well prepared."
Garrido understands and speaks English as well as he reads the borrows and undulations of a green. Explaining that Antonio, his father, and German, his uncle, both help him with his swing, he said: "They are the same, my father and my uncle. They are the same person in different bod-

The reason for his good English is that, from the age of ten until he was 17, he was sent each summer to stay with families in Alton, Hampshire. "It was hard at first," Garrido said. "I did not speak a word of English and the first time I came I was asked about my pyjamas and I had not a clue what they were talking

"My father was very cruel. I was not allowed to bring my golf clubs. It was done purely

GOLF is a game that bestows affinity he felt for England was enhanced when, as a promising amateur, he ran away with the 1992 Brabazon Trophy at Hollinwell, winning by nine strokes.

There is more of a link between Garrido and Richardson than is immediately obvious. When Garrido was having his month's English practice in Hampshire, he was only a few miles from where Richardson lived in Lee-on-

Richardson's blossomed before Garrido's, He won the English amateur championship in 1989 and, quickly got into the Ryder Cup team. However, now, at the age of 30, the gift for the game having left him, he cuts a forlorn figure. He had an 80 yesterday, thus making sure that he missed his fifteenth consecutive cut.

He is playing as if he does not know what is going on for much of the time and he sounds as though he would rather be doing something else. "I'm struggling big time." Richardson said. "There is no pattern to my game."

An example of how difficult Richardson is finding the game came on the 9th, his 18th, where he had a simple pitch to the green. He hit it much too hard, as if it was into a wind or he had a bunker to clear, and the ball ran past the flag and off the green. An amateur would have been disappointed.

"I hit it well in practice." Richardson said, "but I just can't do it on the course. I am trying to get more width in my swing, but I seem still to be too narrow. When this happens, I hit the ball left and right. My putting is not very good and there is a lot of pressure on it because I am playing so badly. I am finding it tough. It is pretty stressful."

☐ Brian Rimmer made light of appalling weather conditions to win the Glenmuir PGA club professionals championship by eight strokes at Northop Country Park yesterday. A final round of 66 gave him a four-round total of 268, a record for the event.



Payne follows the flight of an iron shot during his second round of 71 that kept him well in contention

Nicholas leads after erratic round

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN EVIAN, FRANCE

ALISON NICHOLAS, a tiny tot who packs a big punch, produced a topsy-turvy third successive round of 68, four under par, at the Royal Club Evian yesterday to lead the Evian Masters by one shot from Hiromi Kobayashi, a cheerful Japanese on her first visit to France. Joanne Morley. of England, was three shots behind in third place, on 208, eight under par, after an out-of-touch 74.

Nicholas, one of Europe's Solheim Cup stalwarts, 5ft tall if she stands up straight in her golf spikes, tends towards the consistent, so a round of eight birdies and four bogeys on a calm, sunny day was a little abnormal. She had a solitary par - at the 4th - on the front nine, bogeys at the 1st and 6th. both the result of three-putts. and birdies everywhere else. The Englishwoman gives the ball a good clout and reached both the par fives, the 7th and

9th, in two blows.

She dropped further shots at the 10th and 14th, but came home in 36, level par, thanks to birdies at the 11th and 18th. where she got up and down after her second shot ran into the bunker behind the green. The ten-foot putt Nicholas sank there kept her ahead of Kobayashi, whose 69 was altogether simpler, featuring four birdies and a "pretty good bogey" - at the par five 15th where she took two to get out of a greenside bunker and

her six. At 5ft 7in, Kobayashi, sporting a natty pair of red-and-

holed from "three yards" for

white striped socks, towered

over her English playing part-ners, Nicholas and Morley, who is 5ft 4in. Now 34, she won nine times in Japan before setting off for America "to try my ability and see another country and what's going on". It took her three or four years to settle — she won twice in 1993, her fourth season — but now says: "I am completely comfortable." Unlike most Japanese players, she prattles away quite happi-ly in English without an interpreter in sight.

It was another day of putting frustration for Laura Davies, who also drove out of

bounds at the 9th. She hit 16 greens in regulation in a round of 70 that included four birdies, but even a new putter an aluminium and copper ROHO plucked from the Taylor Made van yesterday morning — and a quick lesson from Lisa Hackney did not make the world No 2 happy. Asked if Hackney had spotted anything wrong, Davies replied gloomily:

By contrast, Trish Johnson, a streak putter par excellence, eventually got everything right on the greens, finishing with five straight birdies for a round of 67. It was a flush that earned her a tidy sum from Karen Lunn, her playing partner, since there was a tenner for every birdie.

是是是是自己的证明, Doohan intends to carry on racing

MICHAEL DOOHAN, three times the motorcycle 500cc world champion, has confirmed that he is not yet ready to retire. The Honda rider, who holds a massive lead in the riders' championship again this season, had previously hinted that this could be his last campaign. However, he said yesterday that he might yet stay with Honda, the sport's dominant team of recent years, but would also listen to offers

from rival teams for 1998. He now intends to make a decision about his future after the San Marino Grand Prix, at Imola on July 6. "At the moment, I have no idea what I would do when I stop racing. so I guess that means I'm not ready to stop racing." Doohan said. "I'm still enjoying the racing and I'm still winning grands prix. As soon as I stop enjoying it, I'll be out of here."

Morbidelli operation

MOTOR RACING: Gianni Morbidelli, the Italian Formula One driver, underwent an operation on his shattered left forearm in Paris yesterday after crashing during testing at the Magny Cours circuit. Morbidelli hit a safety barrier at 140mph on Thursday while practising for the French Grand Prix. Norberto Fontana, of Argentina, will take his place in the Sauber team for the race next Sunday.

Edwards can qualify

ATHLETICS: The High Court yesterday reserved judgment until Monday on a bid by Paul Edwards, the shot putter, to lift a four-year suspension from competition in time for him to qualify for the world championships in Athens in August.
The ban was imposed by the International Amateur Athletic
Federation after Edwards failed two drugs tests in August,

International field

ROWING: Leading women's crews from Europe. North America, South Africa and Australia will compete in the tenth Henley Women's Regatta this weekend. Special events include an international university race which has attracted Purdue University, from Indianapolis, and Melbourne University. Thames/Queen's Tower are favourites in the open eights, while Neptune defend the club eights.

Claymores lose leader

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Michael Keller has resigned as general manager of Scottish Claymores after two years in charge. The time has come for me to pursue opportunities back in America," he said. "My two seasons with the Claymores have been memorable." Keiler helped turn a team that lost eight of ten games in their inaugural 1995 season into World Bowl-winners last year.

Bears face extinction

BASKETBALL: Worthing Bears, the Budweiser League club, may go out of business unless a sponsor can be found by mid-July. The Bears, who won three consecutive Wembley championship play-off titles from 1993, have refused the terms of a £25,000 grant from Worthing Borough Council and now must find alternative funding before preparations begin for next season.

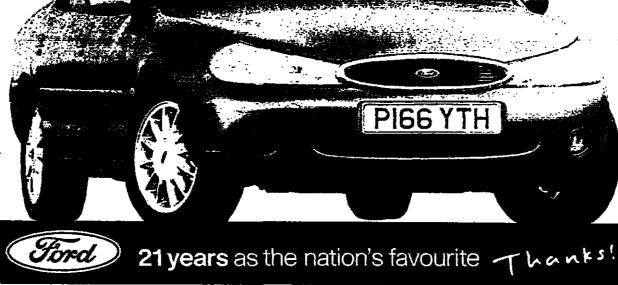
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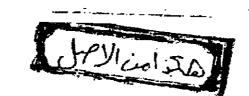
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Bringing first aid to the most dangerous game

Rob Hughes meets the track marshals who accept their share of the risks in Formula One

The instant Olivier Panis became a casualty at the Canadian Grand Prix last Sunday, entrapped by his broken legs in the wreckage of his Formula One car, he drew others into his peril. The difference between Panis, one of motor racing's millionaires, and the track marshals leaping over fences and down banks to rescue him is that they get nothing for sharing his risk.

Moreover, though they are not doctors, in the few moments before the safety car is on the track, moments in which other drivers are trying to avoid the stricken car at 150mph, those marshals have to take decisions that could determine whether the likes of Panis It is a fearful, often thankless

task, yet the volunteers queue up to do it, they effectively pay for the privilege. With the British Grand Prix at Silverstone three weeks from now, the hundreds of track marshals in Britain, who serve as many as 50 to 60 meetings per year, are also giving their free time to travel to circuits to hone their skills. More than 20 of them gathered at Donington Park on Wednesday and they were critical of their colleagues in Canada, every man and woman of them convinced that when the marshals in Montreal dragged Panis out of his cockpit before the doctor, Professor Sidney Watkins, had arrived at the scene, they could not have known if Panis had suffered a spinal injury.

There is a myth about cars bursting into flames." David Pierre, one of the leading rescue marshals in Britain and the man who trains many more, commented. "Years ago, it was more prevalent. Now, particularly with an accident such as Panis's, where he had struck the wall front first, that risk was very slim indeed. I would have taken the decision that, within his driving seat, he had better support for his back and they should not have extricated him until the doctor arrived." However, proving that rescue can never be an exact science, the Canadians also got it in the neck from commentators and observers who felt they were interminably

slow in getting to the casualty.
If one has not been in such a situation, how can one judge? Pierre stressed: "One of the first priorities is never to let the marshals go in and add to the casualty by putting themselves at great risk. There is, obviously, vulnerability, you accept that, but when you know what you are doing it is like the situation of trying to rescue a drowning man — you only go in to a depth that you can be of use."

The marshals in England are equipped with a Ked back support, which can be strapped to the driver while he is still in the cockpit and, supporting him from



Panis is taken away on a stretcher in Montreal. The marshals have been criticised for the way they handled the crash

the head to the base of the spine, can then be used to haul him vertically from his seat. In Canada, Panis was dragged alarmingly soon out of his car. Even though British marshals are insured by the RAC for injury or for liability, the volunteers deemed their col-

leagues in Montreal to have been

too hasty, to have forgotten what er programmer, a logistics analyst amounts to the medical oath - do

no harm. They are impressive people. The two dozen who congregated at Donington, each of whom will be at the British Grand Prix at Silverstone next month, included a bank finance negotiator, a computand some building workers. Their marshals club, one of four in Britain, has no social bounds indeed, while one of their number recently sold his business for £14

million, another is on the dole. They are unpaid, but woe betide although Bernie Ecclestone talks anyone who deems them amateur-

ish. For the British Grand Prix, each marshal will receive £20 for the four-day meeting; they will have paid £56 for overalls that do not begin to compare to the flameresistant clothing of the drivers. They pay their own petrol, a £12 entry fee to join the club and

of floating the grand prix circus for £2 billion, no one buys a meal, not even a sandwich, for these essential first aiders.

They feed on the same thing that drives Michael Schumacher and company - adrenaline. Pierre, who is employed by an American company based in Birmingham, travels the world monitoring rescue operations, passing on expertise that he believes makes British marshals the best in the world.

Te is addicted at the highest level to organisation and rapid response on the track. "I have two basic rules stay and play, or scoop and run. By that I mean if you've assessed the danger and the driver in his seat is not at imminent risk of being hit by another vehicle, if he breathing, then you keep him talking and start preparing for what the doctor needs from you. You scoop and run only if it's so critical that you have to get the driver out, and take the consequences that, in doing so, you might contribute to him becoming a paraplegic or worse."

At Silverstone, they say, the marshals have the time of their lives, living under canvas, in their own tents, during the British Grand Prix meeting. They pay for it, for this social pleasure, for the bonding and mutual trust that grows between them, in more than a financial sense. Pierre and seven others have undergone counselling training to help deal with colleagues who become traumatised at the cutting edge of motor racing's dangerous game.

BOWLS

Wales snatch draw in dramatic finale

By DAVID RHYS JONES

fence of the British women's team title with a convincing 137-100 victory over Ireland at Ayr Northfield yesterday, while England had to settle for a 113-113 tie with Wales.

Having made eight changes from last year's side, the English selectors looked glum when a fiery Welsh team raced to a 24-shot lead by the half-way stage. A remarkable recovery saw the experimental England lineup take a slender lead by the lifteenth end and they seemed poised to win when they led by five shots with one end to

Judith Wason, the Welsh skip perked up when her opposite number. Doreen Hankin, pushed the jack into the open with her first bowl and gave Wales a chance of a delivery, but Wason earned the day's biggest cheer when she took out the English shot as clean as a whistle for a count of five.

hopes alive, although the Scots remain firm favourites to retain their title on home ground Lindores also won.

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SCOTLAND opened their de- drew the shot with her second The tie came as a relief for

both teams and kept their after their convincing defeat of Ireland. Their top scorer, Roberta Hutchison led the way with a 28-9 win over Maureen Fearon, while Sarah Gourlay defeated Chrissie O'Gorman 24-11. Liz Dickson and Joyce

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THE heavens opened, the

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field day as a massive gam-

ble in the Wokingham Stakes was narrowty foiled

and a French-trained win-

ner at 33-1 added to punters' misery yesterday - but even

that depressing treble could

not put a damper on Royal

Given inclement weather

conditions on the last two

days, it was remarkable that more people attended this

year's meeting than any

other Royal Ascot, stretch-

ing back to the early years of

the 18th Century. On each of

the four days, records were set with 54,514 spectators

yesterday bringing the total

FREEDON EVANS

Nap: BISHOPS COURT (2.30 Ascot)

Next best: Winter Romance

(3.35 Ascot)

Richard Evens finished Royal Ascot

on a high note yesterday by napping Kinglisher Mill (9-4) and also selecting Ashurah (7-1):

This is an incredible suc-

cess story, especially given

the sorry state of Ascot only

a few years ago. Hidebound

by officialdom and voted the

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has been transformed in

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His philosophy can be

summed up in two words:

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As New Ascot has re-

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RACING: AMERICAN RIDER CELEBRATES FIRST BRITISH SUCCESS IN DRAMATIC FASHION

Stevens retrieves lost cause on Predappio

By Chris McGrath

ROYAL ASCOT, though a definitive British occasion, is a stage for all the world. Yesterday, the weather was British all right, damnably so, but the drenched crowds had their spirits brightened, sufficient to match their vivid garb, by a dramatic success for Gary Stevens in the Hardwicke

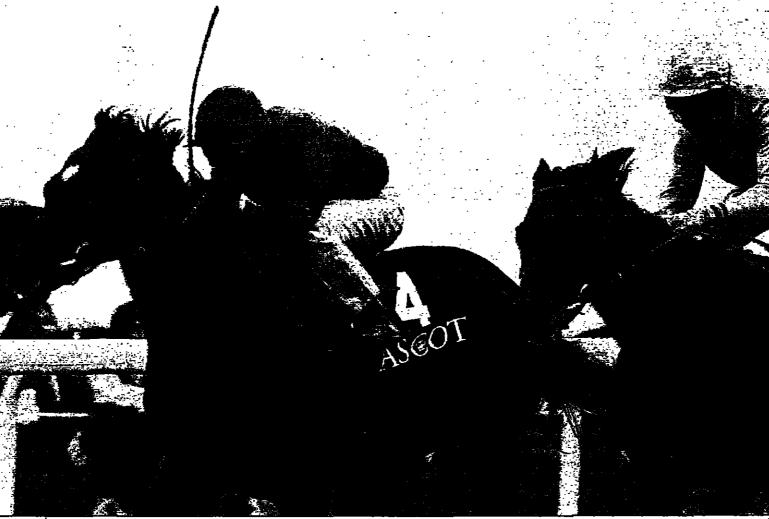
In Predappio, the visiting American found a partner with resources adequate to his inspirational urgings. The colt rallied to retrieve the lead surrendered at the furlong pole - from Pilsudski, gaining a half-length verdict at the

Stevens had doubtless wea-



when he rode Singspiel into second place in the Breeders' Cup Turf last autumn. It was appropriate that he was wearing the colours of one of the sport's pioneers. Godolphin: likewise that Pilsudski was ridden by a great Irish cham-pion in Mick Kinane, and Whitewater Affair, third, by a great French one in Olivier

The rider of 4,000 winners. Stevens has recently savoured the best that American racing can offer, sharing heroic fail-ure with Silver Charm in their quest for the first Triple Crown since Affirmed in 1978. But, at 34, he has discovered a yearning to enliven the last years of his career, and his brief stay has been no mere



Stevens gains his first British victory as Predappio, left, holds off Pilsudski in the Hardwicke Stakes. Photograph: Phil Cole/Allsport

gleamed through the meet-

He was completing a swift

double for Saeed bin Suroor.

after the Windsor Castle suc-

cess of Asturah - a change of

fortune that was no more than

the Godolphin team deserved.

for their dignified reaction to

the season's disappointments.

Sheikh Mohammed said: "We

ing's summer murk.

Europe for a longer stint one day, and he has certainly made his paths straight with

the racing public here. This definitely rates right up there with my three Kentucky Derby wins," he said. The thrill, the fanfare, has been just great all week long, and the support I've had from the British people has just been overwhelming. I think I wanted to do it as much for them as for myself."

Stevens, who had previously ridden Ocean Ridge and Blue Goblin into second, admitted: "It was turning into a bit of of a frustrating week. Fortunately, I found a horse with a bigger heart than I've got. I thought I was beaten half a furlong out, but this horse dug down and found something else - it was just a spectacular last half-furlong."

Predappio had demonstrated that he might help the deflated Godolphin team resume normal service when running a blinder against Bosra Sham on their reap-pearance at Sandown. Along with that filly on the opening yeemed to come back. Dick

day, and Celeric in Wednes-day's Gold Cup. Predappio Hern told me: These things come and go, and you will was one of the lasting joys that never know.

The stewards did their best to sour Stevens's ardour for the diversity of European racing when instructing him that the whip rules are different, too. He was suspended for two days for misuse of the whip on Danetime, beaten a nostril when finishing with a fine flourish in the Wokingham.

Nor will the blood have raced through his veins with excitement after exploring one At the business end, the race

tric nooks, the Queen Alexandra Stakes. Riding Pleasure Shared in the longest race in the calendar, he was tailed off after a furlong.

was a corker, Canon Can getting the better of a long argument with Old Rouvel by a neck. The runner-up, who has been called worse than an old Rouvel, may not have taken all that much persuasion. But if his backers now feel ready for an institution, that is precisely the status of

placed Old Ascot, Old BBC has given way to New BBC. The corporation's televised racing coverage had become staid, which prompted criticism. The BBC took note

EXCING NEXT WEEK

a year, and the fee is refunded.

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lighter touch was achieved without having to resort to

A new 30-minute preview programme got off to a shaky start but gradually

improved, although a start-

ing time of 9am would be

Early viewing figures sug-

gest that the efforts of the BBC have been appreciated.

On the first three days, BBCI figures were up by as

The sight of Bosra Sham

powering away from her rivals in the Prince Of

Wales's Stakes and Celeric's

stirring victory in the Gold

Cup deserve special men-

tion. Even yesterday, emo-

tions ran high as Kingfisher

Mill won the King Edward

VII Stakes in tremendous

style and left Lord Howard

de Walden and Julie Cecil.

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Bishops Court to show way in competitive sprint show improved form on their first 3.35: The soft ground could be the key **ASCOT** runner is another who should appre

2.00: Henry Cecil is in good form this term with his fillies and is represented here by Selfish, who failed narrowly to contain Wasp Ranger at Goodwood. Brave Kris was quite a handful in the paddock at Newmarket last time before winning in taking style from Supply And Demand, who boosted the form by winning next time out. Provided she does not boil over beforehand, Luca Cumani's well-drawn runner is definitely one for the shortlist. However, I just prefer Kalinka, who did particularly well from an unfavourable draw at

2.00 Atlantic Desire

ciate this surface.

2.30: The David Barron-trained Polish Warrior should be spot on now after running a race full of promise behind the talented Blue Goblin at Newmarket. Sabina lost any chance at Chester last time when slowly away and did well to finish so close to the winner. However, Bishops Court is going to take all the beating from a good draw now that the Lynda Ramsden-trained runner is reverting to arguably his best trip, a stiff five furlongs. He did well to overome a moderate draw at York last Saturday, but just failed to get home in a York last month, making up a lot of fast-run race, won by Return Of ground in the straight. Paul Cole's Amin from Double Action. The form



was boosted when Double Action

3.00: Only five runners but still a puzzle as at least three - Falak, Conon Falls and Monza — should

attempt over this longer trip. Monza has been highly tried this term, taking on the likes of Benny The Dip and Desert Story, so this represents a drop in class. The John Gosden-trained Conon

Falls showed his liking for soft ground when winning at Chester and was far from disgraced in better company behind Grapeshot at Goodwood. However, preference is for Falak, who has progressed with every run. Dick Hern's representative did particularly well to beat a useful field at Doncaster last time, having previously chased home Royal Amaretto at Newbury. The Diesis colt, out of a Sadler's Wells mare. should relish the going and trip.

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here and Winter Romance looks sure to run well despite his big weight. The Cadeaux Genereux colt put a disappointing reappearance behind him when fourth to Centre Stalls in a fast-run race at York and today's surface and extra quartermile should be ideal. Star Manager was a close second at Epsom and Arctiid showed up well for a long way on his seasonal reappearance at Kempton, Water, a winner on the soi at Ripon last year, is decently treated at the weights. Docklands Limo was given a poor ride in the Bessborough here on Wednesday and deserves

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won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brachets. Trainer, Age and weight filter plus any allowance. The Times Privale Handkrapper's rating.

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6-4-MEATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SKY STAKES (2-Y-0: \$2,914: 51) (7)

7.15 vines of sevendaks HANDICAP (£3,174: 51) (11) 1 5011 SONGSHEET 12 (D.F.G.) M Standers 4-9-13. P.P. Morphy (3) 1 2 5-00: ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 24 (B.D.F.G.) E Wheeler 5-9-10 18 6154 BRIGHT PARAGON 10 (CD,F,6,5) K hosy 8-7-11 Marris Dwyer (3) 3 11 00-0 MAZZARELLO 19 (V,O,F,S) R Ingram 7-7-10...... M Baird (3) 4

11-4 Sangshed, 7-2 Polly Gollythy, 9-2 Barransk, 5-1 Bright Paragon, 8-1 Another Balchante, izz Age, 10-1 Robellon, Starp Stock, 12-1 olbers 7.45 JARDINE INSURANCE SERVICES SKY LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,966: 7f) (6)

8.15 MARK WILLSON | STH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (£3,000, 1111 11) (1-7)
| 540- YOUR MOST WELCOME 192 (D,F.6) D French Davis 6-9-11 R French (6) 7
| 1850 WHAT A PUSS 10 (6) B Handury 4-9-10 W Ryen 12
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| 4 3003 CHARLTON BAP 12 (F.6) R Hodges 4-9-7 S Drowne 11
| 5 0005 HARVEY WHITE 7 (F.6) J Pearcs 5-9-7 R 10ay 8
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6 0025 LAW DANCER 24 (0-5) 7 MMs 4-9-6 R Has 3
7 -052 RENATAS FRENCE 12 (0-7) K Briss 4-9-5 K Fation 2
8 -3-05 BTRANT 21 (6) D Cosprose 5-9-5 J Dudin 5
9 -022 SAMARA SORB 5 (87) WRItams 4-9-5 M Roberts 6
10 -0-00 MOI CARARD 7 (6-16) B Trace 4-9-1 A Day (6) 9
11 -803 SOVERISIN CREST 7 C Harges 4-9-1 Paul Eddery 4
2 2414 CUEENS STROLLER 17 (0-9) R Psecota 6-8-13 D Isonton 14
13 1301 ZAMALEK 7 (C.F-6) R Flower 5-4-12 F Romas Res 8-1 Motor 1
14 -2008 SOUARE MLE MISS 16 P Howling 4-8-9 DUCETTR L 10
14 -2 Zamatek -9-2 Samara South 1-8 Res 18 Princs 7-1 Romas Res 8-1 Motor 1 7-2 Zamalek, 9-2 Samera Song, B-1 Renela's Prince, 7-1 Romae Reel, 8-1 What A Fuss, Charlton Imp., 10-1 Soveralga, Cost, 12-1 others.

8.45 BEIJING MAIDEN HANDICAP (Alf-weather: 3-Y-0: £2,277: 1m) (12)

All-WedDief: 3-7-U: \$2,27/1. Httl) (12)

1 3405 AROUND FORE ALLSS 19 T Mills 9-7. R-Falor 62 4026 WARRING 11 M Saunders 9-4. P P. MerpBy*(3) 70

3, 30-5-60 FOR GREEN: 18-3 ScarpB-9-4. D 6(filtre 5) 9

41 -060 KRSEOPHER 18 J FHILB 9-2. D 6(filtre 5) 9

5. 58-55 CASTLE NSIBY JACK 16 (6) P Howing 9-2. Paul Eddory 5

6. 6440 LES BEFORDA 18 L Mortague Hell (6-10. J Weaver 12

7-0009 CANTON FOR 5 C Divigis 8-9. D Harrison 8

8. 0-00 BAPSFORD 21 6 L Moore 6-6. R Perham 8

9. 0003 PUSH A VENTURE-10 5 Woods 8-5. W Ryen 2 10 -060 DR WOODSTOCK 37 M Meads 8-5 F Morion 3 11 0-00 WELCOME HEIGHTS 19 M Fetherston-Godley 7-10 F Firenon (5) 4 12 -450 FORMODABLE SPIRIT 15 (V) M Heaton-Eilis 7-10 J Claima 1

7-2 Warring 4-1 Arcend-Fore Altiss, 5-1 Go For Green, 7-1 Carbon Ron, Push A Venture, 8-1 Westpoker, 10-1 Castle Ashby Jack.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: Lord Handingdom. 48 winotes from 232 runners, 20.7%, M. Johnston, 54. from 292, 16.5%; 8 Handingy, 7. from 39, 17.9%, 1 Microtague Hall, 14 from 83, 16.9%; P Wahnyn, 12 from 83, 14.5%, G L. Microtague Hall, 14 from 83, 16.9%; P Wahnyn, 12 from 83, 14.5%, G L. Microtague, 65 from 490, 13.9%; S bitmoers from 395 tides, 21.5%; K Tallon, 6 from 32, 18.8%; W Ryan, 30 from 169, 17.8%; B Cochrane, 65 from 378, 17.5%; Miss J Feliden, 4 from 26, 15.4%; D Griffatts, 8 from 54, 14.8%

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 2.00 Merathon Mald. 2.30 Polish. Warrior, Rudi's Pet, Swino; 5.10 Requested. AVR: 4.50 Carol Again. Forzair. LINGFIELD PARK: 7.15 Sweet Magic. REDCAR: 2.10 Forest Robin, 2.40 Resh D'Or, Linnetsong, Sylvan-Cloud. 3.40 Night Mirager 4.45 Marylebone: Wagga Moon. SOUTHWELL: Serious Authority Months and Authority Responses Wollyer-HAMPTON: 8.55 Risknown Gernown.

THUNDERER 1.55 Ordog Mor. 2.25 Peruvian Gale, 2.55 Punkah 3.30 On My Toes: 4.00 Pegasus Bay. 4.35 Code Red. 5.05 Stornhill Stag. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

1.55 WILL SCAPLET NOVICES CHASE (£3,869: 2m 4f.110yd) (12 runners) 7-2 This is My Life, 4-1 Girona, 5-1 Ordog Mor, 6-1 Dandie Imp, 7-1 Gypsy Klog, 8-1 Wadis Coort, Yquam, 10-1 Rayonau, 12-1 others

2.25 ROBIN HOOD HANDICAP CHASE

9-2 Cartingturd Lates, 5-1 Royal Square, 6-1 Smith Too, Herricage Andrew, 7-1 Septing, Process, 8-1 Temple Gards, 10-1 Perovian Sale, 12-1 others.

2.55 LITTLE JOHN HOVICES HURDLE (\$2,32\$; 2m) (12)

COURSE SPECIALISTS RANGE Sin Residue, 3 whoers from 8 names, 37 5%; J O'Shee, 12 from 35, 24.5%; B Lieuchyn, 5 from 18, 27.6%; K Morpan, 5 from 20, 20.0%. Taxinosou Jones, 4 from 20, 20.0%. J Carellon, 5 winners from 15 rides, 33.3%; Give, 3 from 10, 37.0%; A Paletoy, 15 from 55, 25.6%, J A McCarloy, 4 from 14, 20.5%; Williamson, 10 from 47, 21.3%.

REDCAR THUNDERER

2.10 Clytha Hill Lad. 2.40 Greenbrook. 3.10 Sun Of Spring. 3.40 Billy Bushwacker. 4.15 Muhtafel, 4.45 Midnight Shift, 5.15 Coral Island.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 HAND TO ROUF LADY AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,217: 1m) (11 runners)
1 (11) 0006 FOREST ROBIN 12 (V,8F) Mrs J Ramsuber 41-7 Mass F Romsden (4)

(2) 0453 TERDAD 4 T Barron 4-11-1 ... Miss E Ransdon (4) (6) 0-85 SWANG WEST 14 P Cate 3-10-13 ... Miss S Higglins (4) (10) 3443 KASS ALHAMA 12 0 Crepman 4-10-6 ... Miss R Clark (6) 0000 MRDDAY COWBOY 24 M Harmond 4-10-6 ... Miss R Clark (7) 00-0 BORN ON THE WILD 88 S Kotlewell 4-10-6 ... Miss R 15 swite (7) (9) 00-0 80/91 091 1914 WILD 88 S (Rottlewell 4-10-5) Mrs D (Nationwell (7) 2000 AFRICAN SUN 16 M Cisponon 4-9-13 Mrs S Foliass (7) 11) S307 GOLDEN RISH 460J E Alston 5-9-8. Mrs C Williams (4) 43 5-32 C1YTHA HELL LAD 18 J Brackley 6-9-4 Miles A Donini (4) 55 DFB MRS A LIDE 250 C Smith 3-9-2. Mrs M M Borth (4) 33 -000 MITTEPID FORT 7 (8) B Marray 8-9-0. Surah Borthy

5-2 Chylin Hill Lad, 7-2 Forest Robin, Terclad, 9-2 Kass Alfrana, 8-1 Swing West Alnoan Sun, 20-1 Intropic Foot, 25-1 others.

2.40 BOTTLE AND A HALF SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,273: 71) (11) 3-1 Greenbrook, 7-2 Lest Lap. 9-2 The Honorable Lady, 11-2 Captern Silss, 8-1 Flash D'Or, Hayburner, 10-1 Ellenber, Sylvan Clossi, 12-1 others,

3.10 TEES COMPONENTS HANDICAP (£2,868: 1m 6f 19yd) (15)

3-1 Katamata, 4-1 Sun Of Spring, 7-1 Sushi Bar, Cherity Crusader, 8-1 Classic Line, 10-1 Almuhisram, Cottage Prince, 12-1 others.

3.40 VAUX GOLD TANKARD HANDICAP (£10,260: 1m 2f) (9)

4.15 TOP MIX MAIDEN STAKES (£3,691: 1m) (11) 10) 55-2 DANTESOLE 19 6 Waggs 49-7 ... A Clark B

2 (4) 00 FRUGAL 25 0 Marsey 49-7 ... V Haliday

3 (3) 0 60 DEN 61.0RY 3 M British 49-7 ... D Wright
4 (6) 50 CHANT DESRES 3M British 49-7 ... D Mersagh (7) 74

5 (11) 50 SABU 3 J Charton 5-9-7 ... D Mersagh (7) 74

5 (7) 2 MUHTAFEL 24 J Durlop 3-8-11 ... F Carrier 97

7 (10) 5WEET FORTILME M Stades 3-8-11 ... F Lynch
8 (5) 00 BUSTINGOUTALLOVER 14 C TROOREM 3-8-8 ... R Price
9 (1) 0-6 GYMCCRAK GORMOS 35 6 Polenes 3-8-6 ... Alex Greanes 77

10 (9) HANAJER C TROOREM 3-8-6 ... J Lown
11 (2) 00 PETAZ 3 M W Essledy 3-8-6 ... 6 Parits (5)
5 Methods 9-4 Destroyate 6-1 Seed Fortons 2-1.2 Sabu Destroyate/larger 5-6 Mohtalei, 9-4 Daniesque, 4-1 Sweet Fortune, 20-1 Sainu, Busingqué Honajir. 25-1 others.

4.45 DOUBLE CARPET RATING RELATED MAIDEN **STAKES** (£2,781: 6f) (6)

5,15 LONG-UN HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,898; 1m 1f) (8)

(7) 1003 FREEDOM CHANCE 10 (F) J Hitls 9-7.... M Honry (3) 90 (4) 0614 MARSH MARIGOLD 5 (F.S) J Heiterton 9-2 Jenny Benson (7) 84 3 (6) B-08 HILBAL 47 A Stewart 8-11 Jenny Benson (7) 84
4 (5) G-10 CORAL ISLAND 12 (7) J Rizgorald B-9 G Parkin (5) 5
5 (3) 4103 POLARIZE 33 (5) 7 Benson 8-5 G Carler 80
6 (1) 0010 DEE PET TEC CES 4 (C.) M W Easterby 8-5 T Lucas 95
7 (8) G-80 MODMIGHT ROMANIZE 53 A Javis 7-13 D Weight 8
6 (2) 000- It PRINCIPE 219 John Benry 7-10 N Variety 7-4 Freedom Chance, 7-2 March Marigold, Der Per Tec Ces, 9-2 Polentox, 8-1 Hutal, 12-1 Coral Island, 25-1 Midnight Romanos, 33-1 R Patroipe.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: W Mark, 3 wioners from 6 romers, 50.0%; M Stoute, 6 from 26, 23.1%; J Dunlop, 9 from 40, 22.5%; P Harts, 6 from 28, 21.4%, 6 Wagg, 3 from 15, 20%; J Glover, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

3.30 K T HYDRAULIC HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,390: 3m 110yd) (12)

(\$22,390: 3rm 110yd) (12)

1 129- SCLD MISSALE 26 (F.G) J Payre 6-11-11 A Thornton
2 11-1 HELLO ME MAN 14 (C.F.G.S) 8 Llevellyn 8-11-6 Mr J L Llevellyn
3 0P2- DESERT FORCE 42 (R.C.F.G.S) 6 Fern 8-11-6 G Bradley
4 223- DERRANG BROGE 21 (CD.F.S) Mas S Snath 9-11-6 G Bradley
5 SP1- RWE R AGS 26 (F.G.S) Mas S Snath 9-11-5 R Genet
6 P62- PROME DISPLAY 26 (D.G.S) A Hanvey 11-11-0. J A McCarrby
7 P6-4 FRONTIER RUSH 7 (R.C.F.G.Missa L Stotch 7-10-13 Mas 1 Stotch 7-10-13 May 11-11-0. J R Snath
8 1S2- MALITICAL JEWEL 38 (P) G MicCoset 5-10-8 D Fort (3)
9 121- ON MY TOES 30 (F.G.) 8 Frost 8-10-5 J Frost
10 PP-8 WAR WHOOD 15 (P.S.) 5 Miss L Reseal S-10-0 Mr R Thornton (3)
11 21-P MARBOOD 15 (R.S.) 5 Conf. 12-10-0 J R Revenagh
12 42/P FAST FREEZE 14 (B.D.F.G.S) Mas J Hawtfors 11-10-0
L Commists (7) 4-1 On My Toes, 5-1 Helia Me Man, 6-1 Hauteal Jevet, 7-1 South Massile, Desail Force, 8-1 Five Plags, Protec Display, 10-1 others

4.00 MAID MARION HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,110; 2m) (11)

816- WILLY STAR 121 (D.S.S) Mrs. S Smitr 7-11-10 R Goest 211- ANTIGUAN FLYER 38 (V.CD.F.B) 6 Production 8-11-3 2 211- ANTIGUM FLYEN 38 (V.13); 6) 6 Producence 8-11-3

4 9-2 HIGH LOW 2F (D.F.S) M Harmond 9-10-13 M Horrocks (f)

4 005- PESASUS BAY 207 (D.D.F.) 0 Condition 8-10-11 M Horrocks (f)

5 3SP- FRINY 43 (D.F.S) J J Onion 8-10-8 Li. Wyer

6 4US- DALY SPORT GERL 28F (D.D.F.S.S) B Lieuwijn 8-10-6 M J-L Unewijn

7 24-1 REL MON 14 (D.D.F. M Bloby 9-10-6 M J-L Unewijn

9 3SS- BERMHESE BUL, 22 (V.C.F.S.) J Jerkin 8-10-3 M Kritianson

10 31F- SHFTINB MOON 57 (P.F. Harton 8-10-3 M Kritianson

11 GSD- TANGO MAN 27 (D.R.F.) 3 6 Short 9-10-12 S Wyens

11 GSD- TANGO MAN 27 (D.R.F.) 3 6 Short 9-10-12 S C Link (S)

4-1 Antiguan Flyer, 5-1 Irts Moor, Fligh Em., 6-1 Shifting Moor, 7-1 Willy Star, Daily Sport Girl, Bigmbert, Bill, 18-1 others.

4.35 SHERREF OF NOTTRIGHAM NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(27), 784: 291 41 1 103/01 (c)

1 029- ESIOMO IGSS 62 (B) 5 Johnson Houghton 4-1230 ... P Finding
2 012- CODE RED 7F J Floris-Holes 4-13-13 ... 1: Aspell
3: 95-3 LTTLE REDWINE 16 (N) M Normonal 5-11-5 ... N Homolas (S)
4 001- BRIGHT ELIPSE 47 (N) J USSen 4-11-5 ... S Lee
5 094- A BADGE TOD FAR 24 (B) Mrs. LWIItemson 7-10-13 'Elissistend
6 01-3 CHARLING 14 (B) W Commingham 7-10-10 ... L Comming (S)
7 330- ALARIEST THE CLOCK 50 P Bosen 5-10-7 ... L Comming (S)
8 00-P MEADOWLECK 15 W Young 8-10-5 ... S Marking (S)
9-4 Bright Eclipse, 2-1 Code Red, 4-1 Little Reduising, 5-1 Estrino 105s, 7-1 Popular
The Clock, 8-1 Charles, 12-1 A Badge Too Far, 20-1 Meadowleck

 $5.05~\mathrm{king}$ John intermediate national Hunt Flat Bace (£1,203: 2m) (13)

YESTEDDAYS :

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Royal Ascot Going: good, good to soft in places 2.30 WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (2-Y-O: £19,773 5f) ASFURAH bb t Dayjur - Mathkuth (Godolphin) 8-8 R Hills (7-1) 1.

Contachy Castle ch c Pips Pride - Maricics (Mrs E Lerpiniere) 8-13 Pat Eddery (11-2 lew)
Aurigny b 1 Treasure Time - Deer Glenda
(J & S Kelly) 8-8 T Quinn (40-1)
3. (J & S Kerly) B-6 T Cutrn (40-1) S.

ALSO RAN: 7 Contrary (40-1) S.

15-2 Aliglia (3h), 10 Wandering Wolf, 11

One Singer (6th), 14 Lord Kintyre (4th), 16
Clessy Cleo, 20 Lady Mol, Outr Snow, vice Presidential, 33 Minetta. 14 ran. NP:
Blushing Victoria. Nk. 144, sh hd, 144, 11, Seeed bin Surour at Newmarkst. Tota. 27-90; £3.20, £2.00, £13.60, DF: £26.30.

This: £365.70, CSF, £36.73.

3.05 HARDWICKE STAKES (Group II: 574.510: 1m 4) PREDAPPIO b c Poish Precedent Khelafiya (Godolphin) 4-8-12 Gary Ste vans (6-1)
Pilsudski b c Polish Precedent - Cocotte (Lord Weinstock) 5-9-0 M J Kinane (2-1 2. ALSO RAN: 6 King Alex. 7 Lady Carta, 8 Dushyentor (6th), 11 Busy.Fight, 14 Royal Coutt. (4th), 20 Ele-Anstokrati (5th), 33 Mongol Werror. 10 ran. 32, 251, 351, 11, 31. Sased bin Suroor at Newmenket. Tote: 56 60, 22. 10, 21.50, 52.60. DF: 25.00. Trps: 225 90. CSF: £18.58.

3.45 WOKINGHAM STAKES (Handicap: £48,013; 81) SELFURSTPARK FLYER b g Northson -Wisdom To Know (C Deuters) 6-8-9 P Roberts (25-1)

Denetime b c Denetiti - Allegheny River (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) 3-8-4 Gary Stevens (7-1 tav) Soliin Joanne b f Damister - Bollin Zola (Lady Westbrook) 4-8-7 K Fallon (12-1) 3. Oggi gr g Elisio - Dolly Bevan (Skyline-Racing Ltd) 5-8-6 R Cochrane (10-1) 4.

Recing Ltd) 5-8-6 R Cochrane (10-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 9 Best Belore Deven, 11
Tumbleweed Ridge, 12 Double Bounce.
Perryston View, 14 Princa Baber, 16
Alarmein, 20 Emerging Market, Sea-Deer,
Wildwood Flower, 25 Astrac, Bold Effort,
World Premier, Youdontsey, 33 Albert The
Bear, Helio Mister, Mr Bergerac, To The
Roof (6th), Warning Time (5th), 40 Paris'
Babe, 50 Hoh Returns, Royal Aly, 85
Cretan Gift, King of Peru, Patsy Grames,
Repentory, Rushoutter Bay, 30 ran, Hd, 11,
191, nls, 134 J Berry at Cockenham, Tota:
131.90, 98.00, 23.10, 22.90, 21.90, DF:
2313.30. Trior (943.50, CSF; £148.05
Triosat: £2,077.72 4.20 KING'S STAND STAKES

DON'T WORRY ME b (Dancing Dissident - Dive Encore (J. Gribbomont) 5-8-13 O Pastier (33-1) 1.

resiter (33-1)

Titus Livius ch c Machievellian - Party Del (Narchos Family) 4-9-2 C Asmussen (7-1 (1-fav) Hever Golf Rose b m Efisio - Sweet Rosina (Hever Racing Club) 6-8-13 Pat Eddery (7-1 |t-lev) 3.

ALSO RAN: 7-1 I)-lex-Almaty, 8 Ya Malak.
10 Bolshol, 11 Easycall (5th), 12 Compton
Place, Deep Finesse, Rambling Bear, 16
Croft Pool, Struggler (8th), 20 Cathedral,
Check The Band, Royale Figurine, 33
Averti (4th), Brave Edge, 56 Sylva
Paradise, 18 ran, Nk, 11, 11, 31, 34, 34, 6
Herrot at Franca, Tore: £21,90; £510,
£220, £1,70. DF: £38,70. Tric: £50,20.
CSF: £218,69. 4,55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O: £73,384: 1m 4f)

KINGFISHER MILL on a Riverman -Charming Life (Lord Howard de Walden) 8-8 Pat Eddery (9-4 lav, Richard Evans's nap and Newmarket Correspondent's Palifo Sky b c Niniski - Live Ammo (J E Nash) B-8 M J Kinana (9-2) 2.

Musical Dencer ch c Deletand Band -Parish Empress (M al-Malitourn) 8-8 K Fallon (13-2) 3.

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Pensena City (4th), 9-2 Solo Mio (5th) 5 ran. NR: Shaya. 8l, 1%l, 3.kl, 3l. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: 22.50; £1.40, £2.40. DF: £5.80. CSF; £11.05. 5.30 QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES

(£19.164: 2m 6f 34vd)

CANON CAN thing Green Dancer - Lady Argyle (Canon (Anglie) O A Ltd) 4-9-1 K Falion (8-1) Old Rouvel big Riverman - Marie de Russy (Mrs R Cowell) 8-9-0 M J Kinane (13-2) 2. Deraydan b h Kahyasi - Delsy (D A Johnson) 5-9-0 R Hughes (11-2 J-tav) 8. Johnson) 5-9-04 Hughes (11-2 J-84) 8.

ALSO RAN: 11-2 J-84 Behanten Sunshine, 7 Speed To Leed, 10 Cuft Link (4th), General Assembly, 12 French Holly, 18 Aerdwoli (5th), Pleasure Shared, 20 Inchesilicon (8th), 25 Premier Night, 33 Nazmi. 13 ran. NR: Fleidridge. Nk, 271, 114, 31, 201. H Cecil at Newmarkst. Toter: 29-40: 23-70, 22-80, 22-80. DF: 243-50. Trio: 284-20. CSF: 251,39. After a staw-ards Inquiry, result stood.

Jackpot: not won (pool of \$242,983.62 carried forward to Ascot today). Plecenot: £212.60. Quadpot: £47.50.

Ayr Going: good 2.10 (1m) 1, Running Green (T Siddal, 7-2 fav); 2. Milettian City (9-1); 3. Shoritaine (6-1), 12 ran. Hd, 1/sl. D Molitati. Tota: 94.10; 12.30, 94.10, 92.40. DF: £22.30, Trio: £24.80, CSF: £30.82. Tricast £167.52 No bid.

2.45 (8) 1, Abr En Provence (J Wesver, 3-1 [Aday); 2, Prix Starr (3-1 [Aday); 3, Fundance (4-1), Ouiz Mester 3-1 [Aday 8 ran. 3H, 1M, M Johnston, Total £220; £1.50, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £4.80, CSF: £9.37.

3.20 (5f) 1, Squire Come (A Culhane, 6-4 fay); 2, That Man Again (7-1); 3, Rich Glow (8-1), 8 ran. 11, hd. 10 Chepman, 1020 (8-1), 8 ran. 12, hd. 10 Chepman, 1020 (8-1), 82, 820, 92, 180, 0F; 58,80 Trics (28,50, CSF; 59,42, Tricses: \$47,82, After 236.50, CSF: 59.42, Tricast: \$47.82, After a stewards inquiry, Gamook Valley and Johsyro, who finished fourth and 6th respectively, had their placings reversed. 3,55 (7) 1, Wirusome George (N Kennedy, 5-1); 2, Hogelf (5-1); 3, Lakeland Prids (8-1) Loue Academy 1-2 law. 6 ran. 31, sh hd. C Feithurst, Totat 56.40; 52.40, 52.30. DF: \$16.00, CSF: \$28.41

4.30 (fm fif 1, Can Cen Lady (i Wesver, 100-30); 2. Stone Flower (11-1); 3, Neronien (3-1). Mineroville 7-4 lax. 6 ran. 2, 5i. M. Johnston. Tota: 24.30; 52.20, 52.60, DF. £18.90; CSF: £30.98. 5.05 (Im Si 13yd) 1, Ladgendry Line (A Culhane, 5-2 tar); 2, Winnebago (3-1); 3, Indigo Dawn (5-1); 7 ran. 3l, 2l, Mrs M Raweley, Tota: £3.50; £2.90, £1.80. DF: £8.10. CSF: £8.33. Placepot: £77.20.

Quadpot: £18.30.

Redcar

Going: good, good to firm in places
2.20-(5f) 1, Oustains (P Bloomfield, 12-1);
2, Dangerman (10-1); 3, Boulevard Rouge
(11-9, Cumbrian Cadet 8-4 tev. 9 ran. 5,
36. R Guest, Tote: £9.30; £2.20, £3.80,
£1.50, DF: £101.80, Tric: not won (pool of
£145.61 carried forward to 2.30 at Royel
Assot today) £5F: £114.27.

Accot today) CSF: £114.27.
2.55 (1m 2) 1, Zorbs (D McKeown, 9-4)-ts/); 2, My Melle (100-30); 3, Guesstimation (9-4)-ts/), £1-ts/), £1-ts/, £1-20, £1.10. DF: £4.20. CSF: £16.30.
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4.40 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, Media Star (J Carroll, 5-1); 2, San Islamore Melody (6-1); 3, Stoned Imaculate (20-1), Azores 5-6 tay. 6 an. NP: Anneleta. 111, 141, 3 Goaden. Tota: 23.50; 53.30, 53.20, DP: 28.90, CSP: \$28.94. Anneleta. (12-1) withdrawn, not under ordere — nule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound. 5.15 (1m 3f) 1, Gee Bee Boy (D Wright, 11-4 lav); 2, Pointe Fine (7-1); 3, Quest For Best (4-1), 8 ran. 4l, 14l. A Janvis. Tota: 53.60, 52.00, 52.40, 52.30, DF: \$13.60. CSF: £24.53.

Placepot: £102.70. Quadrot £15.80.

AVE THUNDERER 2.15 Baby Grand. 2.45 Nifty Norman, 3.15 Percy Isle. 3.45 Ocker, 4.15 Greatest, 4.45 Yet Again.

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4.50 DOONFOOT HANDICAP

(£2,864: 1m 2f 192yd) (16)

TRANSERS: 8 Hals, 17 winners from 48 numers, 35.4%; M Stoute, 9 from 26, 34.6%; P Chapple-Hyam, 9 from 32, 28.1%; M Tompkins, 4-from 19, 21.1%; J Gosden, 5 from 25, 20.0%. DOCKEYS: D Helland, 12 winners from 50 rides, 24.0%; J Brambill, 4 · knon 22, 17.4%; R Hardin, 4 from 27, 14.6%; L Charnock, 9 from 74, 12.2%; D McKeown, 7 from 70, 10.0%. Only qualifiers. WOLVERHAMPTON THUNDERER

7.00 Mogul. 7.30 Doctor Bravious. 8.00 Water Garden. 8.25 Intlaash. 8.55 Michelee, 9.25 In The Money. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.00 WATER GARDEN (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 walsall maiden handicap SKY (3-Y-0; £2,277; 1m 1f 79yd) (9 runners) 15-8 Poles Princess, 11-4 Spariel Warner 7-2 Magua 4-1 Den 1 Westy Mille, 16-1 Gazet Hotel, Gadroon, Gold Clipper, 25-1 others

7.30 WILLENHALL CLAIMING STAKES SKY (£2,277: 1m 100yd) (9) (22,277. Till 100y0) (3)

1 5400 DOCTUR REAMOUS 21 (V.CD.S) M Bell 4.9-9 G Faulkner (5) S

2 DD-0 REVERS MACRIC 18 (2) J Bedger 4.9-9 ... Soptim Merchell 1

3 4050 DRARGORLOT 28 (V.CD.G) N Llemedon 4.9-7. D McCaeffin (7) 3

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5 -180 ARCATURA 25 (4) C James 5-8-13 ... C Teague (3) 9

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5-2 Bon Guest, 11-4 Arcatera, 7-2 Doctor Brastous, 13-2 Dragonov, 8-1 others

8.00 ROTHMANS ROYALS HANDICAP SKY (£5,258: 1m 100yd) (7)

8.25 DUDLEY HANDICAP (£3.614; 61) (12)

8.55 OSWESTRY SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-0: £1,985: 6f) (6) 13-8 Meshna Miss. 15-8 Michalea, 9-4 Jack-N-Jilly, 20-1 Impish Lady, Jonathan's Girl, 25-1 Ruskmant Gathout

3-1 Interest: 11-2 Prima Silk, 13-2 Robo Magic, 7-1 Mapler Star, 8-1 others

9.25 CODSALL HANDICAP (\$2,277: 1m 4f) (11)

9-4 Course Fishing, 4-1 State Approval, 11-2 Wildfire, Fresh Fruit Daily, 7-1 to The Money, 10-1 River Captain, Alecan-Pard, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: I. Montague Hall, 4 wieners trom 11 numers, 36.4%; G Wragg, 4 from 12, 33.5%; M Mezale, 6 from 26, 23.1%; M Bell, 12 from 54, 22.2%; P Haslam, 31 from 162, 19.1%. JOCKEYS: D Sweeney, 8 womers from 42 rides, 19,0%; M Rimmer, 6 from 33, 18,2%, G Facilitate, 5 from 28, 17,9%; T Sprake, 16 from 117, 13,7%; S Sanders, 37 from 306, 12,1%.

Peintre Celebre returns

to action PEINTRE CELEBRE, the impressive winner of the Prix du Jockey-Club earlier this month, seeks another group one prize in

the Grand Prix de Paris

over ten furlongs at Longchamp tomorrow. He will again be ridden by Olivier Peslier.
The Andre Fabre-trained son of Nureyev will have the assistance of a pacemaker, Super Cub, to help offset the twofurlong drop in distance, and a bigger question mark against him will be his ability to handle the

testing ground. The going was fast when he won at Chantilly. The conditions should suit the only British member of the seven-runner field, Royal Amaretto, trained by Brian Meehan and ridden by Michael Tebbutt. He ran away with a competitive conditions

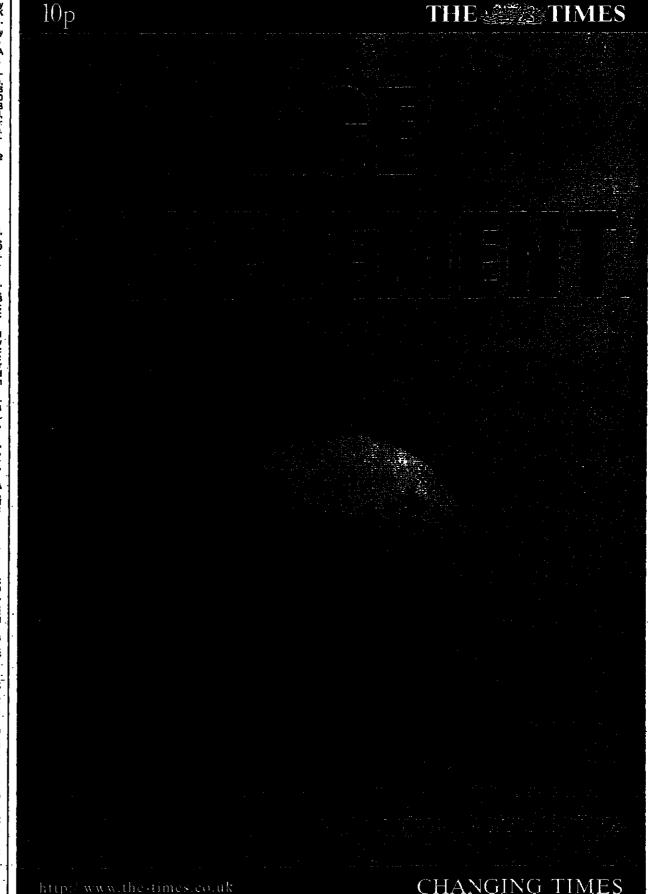
event over this trip at Newbury in April but was subsequently only eleventh of 12 in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. The field is completed by Ithaki and Shaka, fifth and sixth respectively in the Jockey-Club; Zenith Rose, who was caught close home by the subse-

quent Derby disappointment, Cloudings, in the group one Prix Lupin; and Alekos, third to Shaka in the group two Prix Hocquart. On the same card, Saeed

bin Surpor's Diffident (Frankie Dettori) and the James Fanshawe-trained Craigievar (David Harrison) represent Britain in the group three Prix de la Porte Maillot over seven furlongs. Diffident is certain to start a short-priced favourite as he will be coupled with Fabre's two runners, Earl Of March and Vernoy.

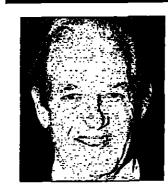
☐ Lady Herries has booked Gary Milligan to partner Taufan's Melody in the eight-runner listed Grand Prix de Lyon over 112 miles at Lyon-Parilly

today. Polar Flight, trained by Mark Johnston, tackles the Austrian Derby at Freudenau tomorrow.



Partnership with a rich ration of runs

JOHN WOODCOCK



second Test match between England and South Africa at Lord's Denis Compton and Bill Edrich began the first and the highest of their great partnerships against Alan Melville's South African side. In all England, the only things that were not rationed in that summer of 1947 were thankfulness, sunshine and runs.

Those, for example, who drove from any distance to the Lord's Test match would have needed to pool their petrol coupons. Having arri-ved, they would have found a ground that was structurally very different from the present one. Virtually all that remains of it as it was then are the pavilion and the Allen Stand - known until 1989 as Q Stand - and even they are much

changed.
The Allen Stand has been refurbished to become the social centre of the Middlesex County Cricket Club. The pavilion has been extended to incorporate the old press box — where the secretariat of MCC is now housed — and the professionals room, which has now become the Bowlers' Bar. Nor is the pavilion swathed any longer in Virginia

It was from that professionals' room that Compton and Edrich would have taken the field when they first played for Middlesex in the middle 1930s, though not in 1947, by when amateurs and professionals were both using the main dressing rooms. Edrich was to become an amateur, anyway, in 1947, and of Compton it was often said that although he was a professional he played more like an amateur than

While Compton and Edrich were going about their business against Melville's South Africans, Neville Cardus would have been holding court on the coach mound behind where the Warner Stand is now, and watching the cricket at the same time. Not for another 11 years did the Warner replace the low, crescentshaped enclosure, reserved for mem-



Fifty years ago, Edrich, left, and Compton began a 'dream partnership' against South Africa

bers and their friends, over which it was possible to get a view of the play from Cardus's favourite vantage

The Test matches of 1947 were of four days, starting on Saturdays and with no Sunday play. On the Satur-day at Lord's — June 21 — the gates were closed half an hour before the start, with thousands unable to get a ticket. The official attendance was

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30,600, of whom some 3,000 sat on the grass, seven or eight rows deep. By next year, when the new Grand Stand is finished, Lord's will hold 29,500 spectators, all of them sepa-rately seated. South Africa had forced England to follow on in the first Test match of 1947 and England were some way from taking charge of the second when Compton came

out to join Edrich soon after lunch on

the first day. Len Hutton had gone, after batting nearly two hours for 18, and Cyril Washbrook had just been caught at slip off the second new ball, available in those days after only 55 overs.

It seems remarkable now that the spinners got on at all with a new ball to hand every two to three hours; yet in 1947, all round the country, they did most of the bowling. Peter Smith,

the busiest of them, sent down 1,606 overs in the season, Ray Smith, his Essex team-mate, 1,557.

Many of the facts of that season may seem more like fiction to the players of today, Batting for Middle-sex against Leicestershire at Leicester in August, Compton and Edrich scored 310 in 2hr 20min between lunch and teat in the same month, the three-day championship match between Surrey and Middlesex at the Oval was watched by 54,000 people; with the spinners hard at it, there were days when six hours' cricket produced 135 overs.

The first day of the Lord's Test match was unusual in that 25 minutes were lost to rain; but, despite that, well over 100 overs were bowled. At close of play, England were 312 for two, Compton 110, Edrich 109. By the time Compton was bowled by Mann on the Monday afternoon, they had made 370 together, then the third-wicket record for all Test cricket.

For South Africa, Athol Rowan and "Tufty" Mann bowled 118 overs

'How can we stop Denis?' What about bowling over his head?"

in the match. Rowan was a very fine off spinner; Mann, a slow left-armer. had passed much of the early 1940s being sheltered by peasants in Italy after escaping from a prisoner-of-war camp. Edrich's war had brought him a DFC as a bomber pilot and the same calculated aggression identified his batting. Small but very forceful, he spent the summer of 1947 biffing the ball over mid-wicket with his favourite pulled drive or crashing it past cover point off the back foot. Compton was altogether more debonair. His batting was a blend of the orthodox, the instinctive and the outrageous. He responded visibly to environment, and he loved Lord's.

There came a time during this particular partnership with Edrich when the following conversation took place between Rowan and Mann: "How can we stop Denis giving us the charge?" Rowan asked. "What about bowling over his head?" came the reply. "That's an idea, but I'll leave it to you," Rowan said. So Mann duly tried it and Compton, as though standing at the net at Wimbledon, played an over-

head smash to the Tavern boundary. Another game, another world, fewer restraints, a much less rigorMINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

Youth policy achieves quick results

PHILIP OLIVER, coach to the Minor Counties, believes the decision to field a team of players under the age of 25 in the Aon Risk Trophy is already proving beneficial.

"During our two previous years in what was the Bain Hogg Trophy, we had no selfimposed age restriction," he said, "but this summer, we have already produced our best results in the three years, with two wins, two defeats and

of result game."
Oliver believes that as a result of regular exposure to county opposition, four of his team have shown talent that could bring them contracts with first-class counties. He believes Adam Heather, a Northumberland left-hander, and Jonathan Fielding, of Cumberland, are batsmen of potential and says the Staffordshire fast-medium bowler. Alan Richardson, and Simon Oakes, another right-arm quick bowler, from Lincoln-shire, could also make the grade at a higher level. Oakes, who has attracted the interest of Essex and Nottinghamshire in recent weeks, had the distinction last month of taking all ten wickets in an innings for his club, Grantham.

Oliver believes a semi-final place is within reach. "We are second in our group, which is a tough one, and two wins in the final three games next month, against Warwickshire. Northamptonshire and Middlesex, ought to put us through." Last winter, Oliver and

John Shepperd, the Norwichbased team manager, assessed 60 potential squad members during regional ses-Abbotsholme School. So far, Minor Counties have beaten Warwickshire on faster

scoring rate. Northamptonshire by six runs and lost to Leicestershire and Middlesex by two runs and 36-runs respectively.
Ian Cockbain, the captain of

Cheshire and the Minor Counties senior team; was an over-age-"guest" in the Middlesex match because of problems with availability. Čockagainst Wiltshire and Cornwall in the championship this season, but his team, holders of the knockout cup, are not among the II Minor Counties involved the first round of the NatWest Trophy next Tuesday. "It's an anomaly." Cockbain said. "Though we are 55-over champions, Nat-

West qualification is decided

by league positions in two-day

After suffering from double vision last summer, Cockbain has overcome the problem. which had forced him to turn to bowling. He even took a hat-trick for Bootle, insisting that it was having six stumps at which to aim, rather than three, which made it possible.

After Cheshire's elimination from this season's Minor Counties Cup. Cockbain be-lieves that Norfolk, led by the former Derbyshire seam bowier, Paul Newman, will take the trophy. Norfolk trek back to Jesmond for the quarter-final tomorrow, having re-cently played there against Northumberland in a drawn

championship game.
"Our Achilles' heel has been
run-chasing." Newman said. but we aim to put it right. As far as our NatWest match next Tuesday against Warwickshire goes, we want to enjoy it and not worry. It will be the first time I have led a team at Edgbaston, which makes is extra special for me.

"After being on a losing Derbyshire side against Durham, before they had firstclass status, and playing for winning Minor Counties representative sides against Sussex and Leicestershire in the Benson and Hedges Cup. I know these games from both angles: Anything can

Two of the minnows will be reinforced by overseas players on Tuesday. Keith Arthurton. the West Indies batsman who plays for High Wycombe, is in the Buckinghamshire team that meets Essex at Beaconsfield because Malcolm Roberts in unavailable. Stuart Macgill, an Australian leg spinner, will appear for Dev on against Leicestershire at

FOOTBALL: RONALDO AND KLUIVERT FACE UNCERTAIN FUTURES

Troubled times for players with the world at their feet

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

Italy," a Turin sports writer said, "not through his fault, but because of all this 'ballet'.

He'll be kicked all over Italy."

In such circumstances, Inter

may well hang on to their Italian strikers, Branca and

Ganz, though Ivan Zamorano.

the Chilecentre forward, could

Meanwhile, Inter have bought Recoba, the Uruguay international, from Nacional

of Montevideo and hope to

have Nwankwo Kanu, the

gifted 20-year-old Nigeria

striker, back in their ranks

after his recovery from a heart

operation.
As for Milan, who now have

Fabio Capello back as coach after his league championship

success with Real Madrid.

they are certain to sell Roberto

be joining Bologna.

TWO brilliant 20-year-old centre forwards are on their way to play in Milan, each with a plethora of problems, though admittedly very different ones. Ronaldo's transfer to Internazionale from Barcelona has been held up again because Fifa, football's world governing body, has con-firmed that Barcelona are entitled to a massive transfer fee, on top of all other charges involved in signing the player - the bagatelle of eight billion

pesetas, about £45 million. Patrick Kluivert, the Holland and Ajax centre forward, signed by AC Milan, is in much deeper waters. He has been accused, with companions, of rape. His lawyers insist that Kluivert played no part in any incident. It is just a year ago that Kluivert was found guilty of running down and killing a man in his car in Amsterdam, but he managed

to stay out of jail. Inter, meanwhile, must come to terms with the fact that, even if they eventually shell out the colossal sums demanded. Ronaldo will be denied them for 15 league games next season. His services will be pre-empted by Brazil, who have already forced Ronaldo to miss Barcelona's final three games of the Spanish league season.
"He's become unpopular in

Murphy makes mark DANNY MURPHY, the Crewe Alexandra midfield player, scored a hat-trick as England Under-20 over-whelmed their United Arab

Emirates counterparts 5-0 to clinch a place in the second round of the world youth championships in Malaysia. England could have reached double figures as they threatened to score with almost every attack and Al Hammadi, the Emirates' goalkeeper, made a series of

Murphy opened the scoring after seven minutes, curling the ball in off the post from

errors, including giving away

a freak own goal.

outside the area. He made it 2-0 five minutes before halftime, heading home on the sixyard line. Then, shortly after the break. Kieron Dyer, of lpswich Town, was fouled in the area, and Murphy completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot. Michael Owen. of Liverpool, scored the fourth. and his second of the tournament, with a lob.

The match was summed up by the own goal on 55 minutes, when Abdulla Ahmed passed the ball back to his goalkeeper. It was not the most accurate pass, but Al Hammadi failed to control it and the ball rolled over the line.

Baggio, who must feel that, with his old enemy, Arrigo Sacchi, departing and Capello arriving, he has gone out of

In becoming coach of Torino marooned in Italy's Serie B and thrashed 4-0 at home by Ravenna last Sunday in their last league match — Graeme Souness has taken on quite a task. Though Denis Law, Joe Baker and Gerry Hitchens all played for Torino in the 1960s. Souness is their first British manager since Bill Liveslev perished in the appalling Superga air crash in May,

the frying pan and into the

Souness watched the defeat by Ravenna, but is making optimistic noises. At least he will have on his staff Gigi Lentini. the gifted winger, who has had a fine season on loan from Milan to Atalanta and is overjoyed to be returning to his former club, which sold him to Milan for £13 million, declared only £9 million and is still in trouble with a fistful of authorities.

Milan are one of numerous European clubs keen to sign Denilson, the dazzling 19-yearold Brazilian, but his club, São Paolo, have demanded an £18 million transfer fee, while the player himself is insisting that is new club must triple his £375,000-a-year salary. Denilson said: "Quite simply. I will join the club which pays

Real Madrid obviously val-ue Predrag Mijatovic highly, having yesterday signed the Montenegrin striker to a con-tract that will not only keep him at the club until 2003, but also stipulates that any club wanting to buy him would have to pay the Spanish champions a world-record fee of \$150 million (around £9).5

The previous record for a withdrawal clause? That was set only on Wednesday at \$100 million for Roberto Car-los, the Brazil defender — by Real Madrid. I'm the new record-holder, but I'm sure it won't be for long." Mijatovic

Robson to stay with Barcelona

By Our Sports Staff

BOBBY ROBSON has decided not to leave Barcelona at the end of the season, despite the appointment of Louis van Gaal as coach. Robson, who has been linked with the vacancies at Celtic and Everton, was widely expected to move on, but yesterday said that he intends to remain in Spain as general manager.

"I'm honouring my con-tract." Robson said. "Yes, I've had contact with Everton. I've had no contact with Celtic, although I believe there are stories in the air. *Because of my contract and

because of the fact I want to stay here for another year. I've really had to say no to Everton. If it's no to Everton, then I guess it has to be no to the other club [Celtic]."

The former England manager admitted that he was not too pleased" at the way he has been treated by Barcelona, but has always insisted that he wanted to stay at what he considers to be the biggest club in the world.

Southampton last night re-fused to confirm reports that David Jones, the Stockport County manager, will be an-nounced as the successor to Graeme Souness early next week. He was said to have signed a four-year contract worth £200,000 a year. Jones. 41, said: "I have no comment to make at the moment, but I hope to be able to soon."

a one-year contract with the J-League cub, Sanfrecce Hiro-shima. The midfield player. completed negotiations in Japan on Thursday.

Adam Tanner, the Ipswich Town defender, who was suspended for three months last season after failing a drugs test, is to sign a new one-year contract with the Portman

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Jimmy Nicholl, who left Millwall last season, is returning to take charge of Raith Rovers, the club he led to success in the Scottish League

Cup two years ago.
The former Norwich City captain, Ian Crook, has signed 34, who was with Tottenham Hotspur from 1979 to 1986,

CRICKET

Betts swings game significantly in Durham's favour

By Ivo Tennant

DARLINGTON (third day of four): Durham, with two sec-ond-innings wickets in hand, are 267 runs ahead of Kent

THIS, as the ancients would have said, was a capital day's cricket. A total of 14 wickets fell, but the state of the pitch had little to do with that. Durham, or rather Melvyn Betts, bowled out Kent, the county championship leaders. for 167 and then collapsed before Martin Speight and James Boiling added 92 for the eighth wicket to ensure that there should be quite a finish. Durham lead by 267 runs

and Speight, having made 73 with six fours and a splendidly swept six off Strang, remains to bat again today. Hence Kent will need to score the biggest total of this absorbing match if they are to win. They will have to do so off, among others, Betts, who, at a lively medium pace, returned

career-best figures of seven for 29. Much will depend on whether the ball continues to Bens is 22 and comes from

the mining village of Sacriston, just outside Dur-ham. He had taken only four championship wickets hither-to this season, although this had much to do with missing four matches through injury. He ran in purposefully, swung the ball — not extravagantly - and finished off the Kent innings in the morning by taking five for five. This, Fleming apart, has not been the batting of championship contenders, let alone leaders.

Fleming achieved his best score of the season, an unbeaten 43 to go with his nine wickets in the match, a careerbest performance. He is not a cricketer in need of any motivation, but he was not best pleased that the newspaper to

Questions raised at Bath after soaking

BATH (third day of four): Somerset, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 370 runs behind Leicestershire

THE weather has been cruel to the Bath festival in its centenary year and at a time when its future hangs in the balance. Heavy rain prevented there being play until after tea for the second day in succession yesterday and again cut into gate receipts. Such misfortune served as a reminder as to how fortunate Somerset and Bath have been to play here in fine

conditions over the past few Peter Anderson, the Somerset chief executive, is obliged to assess the future of the club's annual pilgrimage to the citypurely in financial terms. "The festival costs something like £44,000 and we have been without gate receipts for two good day tomorrow and for the one-day match on Sunday, we might break even."

After Leicestershire had declared at their overnight score of 442 for six. Somerset spent a cheerless 80 minutes before the rain returned fighting for they know not quite what. Leicestershire must be contemplating either trying to dismiss Somerset cheaply twice or creating a situation in which forfeitures set up a runchase today. Either way, a thankless task

faced Somerset's openers, Lathwell and Bowler, neither of whom is in rich form. Millns, extracting life from the pitch, gave Lathwell a torrid time and had him dropped by Wells at slip before having him caught off a top-edged pull. Bowler fared better and played one or two sweet drives and pulls, but was leg-before in Ormond's third over, beaten for pace.

Holloway was struck on the hand by Millns, but survived until the close along with Harden, at which point Somerset were 70 for two.

had suggested that he should make way for Ed Smith when the Cambridge University

Given that Llong had made 15 of his 17 runs overnight, six Kent batsmen contributed only eight runs. Betts took three wickets in one over, Strang, Marsh and McCague all taken behind the wicket or at second slip. The catch that Speight took to dismiss Phillips was quite excellent, being low and one-handed diving to his right. The idea behind him having been coached by Alan Knott is that he could become good enough to play for England in one-day cricket. It is not far-fetched.

Durham gained a first-innings lead of 84. That, though looked negligible when seven second-innings wickets fell for 77. As when Kent were batting, there were a number of indifferent shots and some creditable swing bowling. Collingwood, transfixed in his crease, was legbefore to Headley, who again deserved better than just one

The conditions suited Fleming more than they did McCague, for there was little pace in the pitch. In his first over, he bowled Morris with one that moved away and hit off stump. Then Lewis, who looked quite capable of playing another lengthy innings, drove instinctively at a short and wider ball and was taken by Wells at first slip. Next, Speak edged to sec-

ond slip, his front foot not to the pitch of one that also swung away from the bat. The important wicket was that of Boon, who, having not scored in the first innings, had no sooner got off the mark than was beaten on the back foot by Strang's top-spinner. When Strang had Foster

taken at the wicket, attempting to force off the back foot, and then Betts left alone a ball from Fleming that broke a stump, Kent would have countenanced a fifth victory in succession. Speight and Boiling had other ideas. A word about Darlington.

renowned only for its train service: its weather has put the rest of the country to shame.



Healy collects the edge from Thorpe before making it clear that he had doubts about the validity of the "catch"

Healy catches the right mood

s the debate about the altered moods of Eng-Lish cricket crowds gathers pace - and one suspects it will reach some sort of conclusion next month

at Leeds, where the spectators put the din in Headingley there is nothing wrong with the behaviour of the people who are most entitled to get worked up. Players on both sides seem determined to bring the game into repute. Their behaviour was exemplary at Edgbaston and; in

the hour and a half that was possible yesterday morning, there were further signs of the friendly spirit in which this series is being conducted. Mark Butcher, who "walked" at Birmingham, again did not have to be told to leave the crease, while Ian Healy made it clear he had doubts about Michael Henderson on the exemplary behaviour of the players at Lord's

Healy has not always been so scrupulous. At Sydney last November, Brian Lara was so upset at being given out caught behind that he publicly denounced Healy and said the wicketkeeper would not be welcome in the West Indies dressing-room - not that it was within his gift to issue any such order. Lara thought Healy was guilty of sharp practice. Better by far to say the Queenslander is the

original flinty competitor.
"I wasn't sure whether it carried or not," Healy said last night "All I knew was that I had a sore finger. The slips were split and I told the umpires that. If I am not sure,

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ny", that when the umpires pronounced "not out" after the divided judgment, he asked: "Why?" He also said that, pleasing though it was to be applauded for his act, he would prefer to see Thorpe, the batsman, applauded back to the pavilion. Roger Knight, the secretary

announcement before the start of play, asking spectators to observe the sense of fair play for which Lord's is famous. As a gesture, this was rather like asking the audience at Covent Garden not to throw tomatoes at the stage. At Lord's, for goodness' sake, people know how to behave, the validity of a "catch" he I am happy to leave it to although this observation good job the players are in initially considered to be true. them." He added, as a "fun-makes some people see red

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(or perhaps yellow and red). Those are the people who loathe Lord's and, it is true. the pavilion is a bit stuffy at times. There were people taking their seats there yester day morning for whom the cricket is an annual private ritual and anybody who has seen middle-aged men charging on to the top deck, trying to "bag" seats as soon as the Grace Gates open, knows it can be a pretty demeaning

Coming after the last evening at Edgbaston, though. others will have found relief in the calmer atmosphere. What constitutes good manners, of course, is a relative matter. At Lord's, the blood too often runs cold; at Edgbaston, it occasionally ran far too hot. The way this series is building up. it is a control of themselves.

West Indies rescued by Hooper after poor start

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

ARNOS VALE (first day of five; Sri Lanka won toss): West Indies have scored 94 for five wickets against Sri Lanka

THE Sri Lanka bowlers vindi-cated the decision of their captain to field as West Indies struggled to 94 for five at lunch on the opening day of the second and final Test, at the Arnos Vale Playing Field

Carl Hooper was the only batsman to master the Sri Lanka bowlers on a lively but true pitch and reached his fifteenth half-century just before lunch.

Sri Lanka, spearheaded by Ravindra Pushpakumara, removed four West Indies batsmen in the first hour and, at one stage, had them five for Pushpakumara rethree. moved Stuart Williams, who top-edged a hook to the wicketkeeper, and Floyd Reifer, leg-before.

However, the biggest blow came when Brian Lara, trying to turn a ball from Sajeewa DeSilva, offered a return catch to the bowler. Hooper and Sherwin Campbell, the opening batsman, appeared to be pulling West Indies out of trouble before Kumara Dharmasena, the off spinner, produced an unplayable first ball to account for Campbell.

West Indies are fielding an unchanged II from the side that won the first Test by six wickets, while Marvan Attapattu and Sanjeeva Ranatunga replace Russell Ar-nold and Hashan Tillekeratne for Sri Lanka.

SCOREBOARD

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Taylor in need of greater support

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

IN THE 19 overs that were possible at a soggy Wantage Road yesterday, Hampshire progressed forcefully to 405 for eight, adding 32 to their overnight total for the loss of Adrian Aymes and Shaun Udal. Both wickets fell to Paul Taylor, the Northamptonshire left-arm seamer, giving him the laudable figures of six for 91 and boosting his season's tally to 29, almost half of the county's victims. Of Northamptonshire's last 15 championship wickets, Taylor has

With the wicket still proffering ample assistance to the seam bowlers, Hampshire had reduced Northamptonshire to 40 for two when the



Taylor: laudable figures

rain arrived. Simon Renshaw collected the wickets of Russell Warren and Mal Loye, to outstanding catches by Kevan James and Will Kendall in the slip cordon. With 170 overs already lost to the elements, however, the captains will be compelled into collusion to force a result today.

It is a bad omen when Carol's Kabin, the Derbyshire mobile drinks and burger bar. fails to arrive by the start of play. The forecasters had reckoned that the rain would arrive at noon, but Carol obviously knew better, as only 58 balls were bowled in 35 minutes before the players took refuge in the pavilion. The highlight was the cover drive off Drakes, the Sussex Vince Clarke's fourth fifty of the season and followed his career-best 99 against Warwickshire. This one came off 81 halls and included six fours and one six. He was 65 not out when the rain came. The lead had grown to 29.

James Kirtley took the only wicket to fall in the second full over of the day, when Aldred flashed outside off-stump and edged to Moores.

Nottinghamshire still require 67 runs to avoid the follow on against Yorkshire at Trent Bridge after rain reduced the third day to 56 minutes. The home side, replying to Yorkshire's 364, sturnbled from 116 for four to 148 for seven against hostile bowling by Peter Hartley and Craig White in the morning session.

Indeed, the situation is even bleaker for Nottinghamshire as Paul Johnson, the captain, was forced to retire hurt after being struck by a delivery from White. He has fractured the little finger on his left hand and is expected to be out for at least a fortnight. Hartley claimed two wickets

in three overs from the Radcliffe Road End as Astle drove firmly to gully, where Kettleborough took a catch at the second attempt, and Afzaal edged to Byas at second slip. White then uprooted Noon's off stump to claim his fourth wicket of the innings. Judgment on the pitch at

Bristol, where 25 wickets fell on the first two days of the match between Gloucestershire and Middlesex, was deferred when rain prevented investigators from the Eng-land and Wales Cricket Board from seeing a ball bowled. Steve James, the Glamor

gan opening batsman, ma-rooned on 99 since midafternoon on Wednesday, hopes that the rain will relent at Liverpool, where two successive lost days have left Lancashire and the host club also counting the cost.

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Commitment and desire personified in prop destined to follow in famous footsteps



Martin Johnson, the Lions captain, relaxes on Blouberg Strand yesterday before the serious business of the tour begins today. Photograph: David Rogers/Allsport

Scots' latest Lion eager to be let loose

There is a tartan thread woven through the history of British Isles forward play in that, at in outstanding loose-head prop. Hugh McLeod established the trend when the Lions visited Australasia in 1959 and Ian McLauchlan picked up the torch in 1971 and 1974. David Sole carved his own niche in Australia in 1989 and today the burden descends upon Tom Smith.

Against South Africa at Newlands this afternoon, Smith will put his three caps-worth of experience up against Adrian Garvey, who propped Zimbabwe's struggling scrum before moving south to play for Natal and qualify for South Africa. At 18st 4lb and 6ft 2in, there is a lot of Garvey. physically and in experience, and the impact of the South Africa front row will be something that Smith has

Yet there is a quiet sense of commitment and desire about Smith, whose increase in stature comes at and, to a degree, the vastly-experienced Jason Leonard. Quiet is the operative word - on this tour, Smith is likely to be found with his nose in a book, well away from the pranksters who, even in this professional era, will be found in any rugby team. Smith, 25. might well have played rugby in London. He was born and

raised in Hammersmith, was introduced to rugby through the London Emanuel School before his family moved to Scotland and he played at Rannoch School. Indeed, he played as a No 8 at school, which, together with an early enjoyment of basketball, accounts for the pleasure he takes as a ball-carrier as well as ball-winner.

If ever there was a well-motivated Lion, it is Smith. Selection for the international series is one thing, but Smith seeks success, regardless of the ambitions of others. He has been in this position before, of course, unconsidered as a contender for high honours yet causing selectors to think again. Scotland plucked him from, comparatively-speaking, nowhere to tour New Zealand a year ago.

Few critics fancied his prospects when the Lions were chosen, given Scotland's mediocre showing in the five nations' championship, but Smith has proved them wrong. Like McLauchlan, he is no more than 5ft three stones heavier), but he and Paul Wallace, his colleague today, have found this an advantage against South African provincial props, who tend to exceed six feet and may be two stones heavier.

They find themselves able to scrummage under their opponents and thrust upwards, so long as the David Hands examines the credentials of Tom Smith,

forefront of action today scrum is set straight. Experience has

a man destined to be at the

taught them that South African scrums sometimes attack at an angle so as to wheel and take play away down the blind side, or to disrupt the Lions' half-back link. In terms of sheer bulk, Smith learnt much from



Smith: very much his own man

AS ENGLISH cricket once

again marches to war with its

Mickey Mouse ears firmly in

place, so I learn that plans are

afoot to take the game to Disney World in Florida. The International Cricket Confer-

ence (ICC) has long been filled

with desire to "globalize" the

sport: this is a marketing term

and means going to America (vide the last World Cup). In

this case, it means going the whole hog: Disney World. Where else? David Rich-ards, the ICC chief executive,

reports "expressions of inter-

est" from the Disney corpora-

tion. Ali Bacher, in charge of

ICC development, said: "We

must develop and globalize

the game. I have no doubt that

Disney will deliver their part

of the deal. This involves a

ground ready for some form of

international tournament in

September 1998. No doubt Disney will be as faithful to

the original as they were to

Kipling when they made Jun-

Faithful readers of this space

will recall the tale of Mel-

bourne Town Cricket Club in

Caught short

his Heineken Cup experiences last' season, playing for Caledonia Reds among others — the big Brive forwards.

"Every game here has been like Test rugby," Smith said. "There are no glory runs, charging at the stand-off half, every game is hard graft, but we are looking to play a style which is unstructured yet in which we know what we are doing. I've enjoyed it. It's very tiring, physically and mentally, but that's a matter for each player to deal with as an individual. I found I played better when there was a lot at

Like many men who do not court publicity, what Smith says is short but to the point. In New Zealand, he learnt the value of managing his time in preparing for games and in recovery; where few would spot the occasional poor performance for Watsonians, his club, every game on tour — for Scotland then and the Lions now - had to be top-notch, otherwise Smith was exposed.

It seemed a natural step to ac Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) contract last winter. Though Smith has an honours degree in commerce and spent a period working in the Scottish Office legal department, rugby offered him a career just at the time when he was breaking through at the highest representative level.

"It has not occurred to any of us

Smith said. "Everyone was very positive about it, I certainly was. I had not found that being a rugby player was any great help when it came to the job market, but in the end the game got me out of a bit of a hole."

Where some players considered a job within English rugby, Smith is happy with his contract, which takes him to the 1999 World Cup and avoids the playing demands of first-division clubs in England.

"I have developed ambitions in the game - first to play for Scotland, but lso to win," Smith said. "I always hoped the chance to tour with the Lions would come and, being here as a relatively inexperienced player. I have found myself mixing with guys who have achieved an enormous amount; but people like Jason Leonard have gone out of their way to knock down any barriers and create a team atmosphere. I'm learning far more about my position from people like him — secrets are shared with the

Smith shows a certain irritation at shallow comparisons made between him and Sole, which convinces the listener that Smith is very much his own man. "Front-row play is one of those things you learn over the years. not all of it is to do with strength," Smith said with a grim intensity. That bodes well for the Lions today.

Winning way will stretch South Africa

Rob Andrew, in Cape Town, sees mobility as vital to success for the Lions today

The first international, here today provides the Lions with a tremendous chance to make a statement for northern hemisphere rugby. At stake, potentially, is a place in history. If this Lions party can win the game at Newlands and go on to take the series, it would be very, very special, not only for themselves but also for the game in the northern

There are a lot of factors that affect this match, the weather being one of them. If it is a horrible Cape Town day, it will severely dent the Lions' chances. They certainly do not want it to be raining and the forecast for this afternoon is not very good. I veather, almost altitude con-

Ian McGeechan, the coach.

'It is a

to J. P. R.

picked a squad and a style of play which is, in a way, non-Brit-ish. He has looked throwback at the way that he believes South Africa can be beaten probably made his great things' mind up 12 months ago, when

he was in South Africa watching the All Blacks take on the Springboks, playing some of the most powerful, dynamic rugby that we have ever seen! McGeechan must have gone home wondering what sort of players he was going to return with, which is why, I think, there has never been any doubt that he was going to play Gregor Townsend at

The only concern is whether the Lions are good enough in the front five to hold the ship together. The New Zealand front five was experienced and wily. They did not go outto buildoze South Africa or outscrummage them, but they could hold their own and then they played off the back of that, moving South Africa The Lions want to do exact-

they will have enough of a platform. Without that, it does not matter who you have in the backs. Townsend will be under enormous pressure.

The scrummage is now such an effective weapon in attack and defence. If South Africa can do on their ball what they wish with the scrum, then the Lions are going to be in trouble. Equally, if the Lions are not allowed to do what they want to do. then that reduces their attacking options. If, however, the Lions can hold their own and not get too disrupted, it will be a cracking game. Over here, we have seen

refereeing similar to that we get at home - breakdown. histle — so you do not get the continuity. The looser that Colin Hawke (in charge this afternoon) is and the more he allows situations to develop Lions. This particular crop are playing un-British rugby, stuff that the South Africans have been surprised by. It is almost a throwback to the 1970s, with Gareth Edwards, Gerald Davies and J. P. R Williams doing great things.

ly well on this trip ing to develop the style that they are faced any Spring-

beaten have not been near to full-strength or Super 12-

So much rests on today. If the Springboks win, they will grow in confidence; if the ions win, the South Africans will be under enormous pressure. Domestically, there is about Carel du Plessis as a coach. If South Africa lose, the whole country will be on the back foot. They treat the Lions here. They lost to the All Blacks last year and, if the possibility looms of losing at home to the Lions, its impact

Richter scale. What the Lions have got to try to do is recreate the pace. mobility and space with which they have played the game so far. Given space, the Lions ly the same, but there is a have players who can do for they can get momentum in the game and go from phase to phase and break up the game, will enable them to get almost into a sevens-type game. South Africa will not that, because they are big, strong and direct - and per

haps a bit one-dimensional.

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CYCLING

Morel beats path to breathtaking victory

CHRISTOPHE MOREL, of France, showed little respect for the ascent and descent of the 2,036ft Snaefell yesterday. winning the H3-mile Manx International over three laps of the TT circuit at Douglas.

His rivals acknowledged that he was the strongest on the five-mile climb out of Ramsey and that was confirmed by the Frenchman's ability to break clear and then make a breathtaking descent to the finish on the last lap.

Morel, who earlier in the week finished in eighth position to Stuart Dangerfield, of Great Britain, in the one-lap mountain time-trial, crossed the line 18sec clear of Julian Winn, of Wales, to win in 4hr 35min 25sec, the second-fastest time in the 56-year history of the race. Brian Smith, the former British professional champion, was third. Robert Millar, now the Great Britain national road coach, remains the record-holder after his victory two years ago in 4hr 32min 53sec.

Morel had been at the head of affairs for most of the race once the initial breakaway group of 17 was established at Kirk Michael after 14 miles. At the end of the first lan (37.75 miles), their lead was Imin 20sec, but, after an attack by Smith on the second lap, the group was reduced to nine. which included Morel and Cedric Jacquot, his compatriot. Jacquot then went clear on the final mountain climb. testing the opposition, it transpired, on behalf of Morel, who was strong enough to catch and overtake his team-

Once in the clear, Morel's confidence was further bolstered by the knowledge that Jacquot would tactically attempt to reduce the effect of the chasing group. "We had spo-ken during the last lap and planned the decisive attack on the mountain," Morel said.

Cricket at Disney World? Howzat for a goofy idea



On Saturday

Derbyshire, in whose home dressing-room hangs a notice requesting players not to hit sixes between long-off and deep extra cover, because the local council gave permission for the building of six houses around the boundary without stipulating that a protective fence should be built.

A kind Melbourne resident and cricket lover sent me a picture and caption from Village Voice of Melbourne and District. something that sums

up the joys of village cricket for all time. The caption reads, time-honoured fashion: "Melbourne CC 1st XI" and proceeds to list the names. The picture, however, shows a total of nine players. Don't scoff: at Tewin, we used to pray that we'd get as many as nine players. Though sometimes, of course, we got 13.

Strike me down

The thing about writing this column is that there are certain stories you know will come along sooner or later. It is just a matter of waiting. So here it is: the baseball benchclearing brawl — in a women's game. Colorado Silver Bullets were playing a team from somewhere called Americus. The Bullets lost a four-run lead and were heading for defeat in the last inning when

Kim Bratz, batting for the Bullets, was hit by the ball. This, in baseball (which. unlike cricket, is essentially a game for wimps) is considered the ultimate no-no. To make this ten times worse, the pitcher laughed. So Bratz. enraged and knowing that a woman has to do what a

woman has to do, charged the mound to attack the pitcher and the players on both sides all joined in. "Some of our players got in some pretty good licks," the Bullets general manager. Phil Niekro (yes, him, baseball fans, the great knuckleball pitcher), said. "I hate to see it, but it's part of baseball." The gender, as Lady Bracknell never quite said, is immaterial.

Write stuff

José Luis Chilavert, the Paraguayan goalkeeper and leading goalscorer for Velez Sarsfield of Argentina — he is a free-kick specialist - has long been a hero of this column. Now I learn that he is considering a move to American football as a kicker. However, in discussing this matter, Chilavert turned his attention elsewhere. "What really matters to me in life." he said, "is reading. You say, I will give a silk cravat. I say no - just give me a book! Reading is the most important thing in the world." His trinity of great writers is Jorge Luís Borges, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Augusto Roa

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Bastos. The last of these, I learn. is Paraguayan and 80. He is my hero. An opponent of dictatorship, courageous in exile and I am delighted now that he has returned to us." Please note: in football, only goalkeepers talk like this.

Worth an appeal

As an appeal is launched in Australia for the Establishment of The Bradman Exhibition, something to be called Test-match run Bradman scored, let us recall that it is 70 years ago this year that Bradman made his first-class debut, for New South Wales against South Australia on December 16, scoring, of course, a century. He is 89 in August, still

receives 250 letters a week, replying to many of them by hand. A survey in Australia named Bradman as the country's top sporting personality of all time, with 25 per cent of the votes; in second place was someone called Greg Norman, with eight per cent. The exhibition will house the considerable collection of Bradman memorabilia, cuttings, scrapbooks and tapes and will involve all kinds of modern technologies. Anybody who wishes to contribute can send money to The Bradman Collection Appeal. State Library of South Australia Founda tion. North Terrace, Adelaide,

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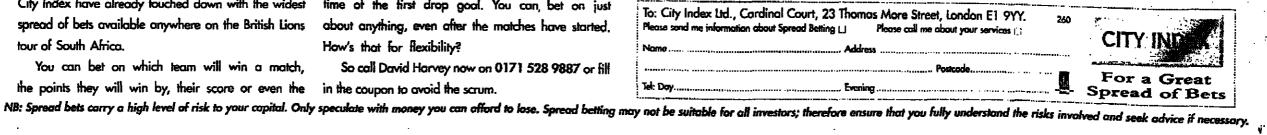
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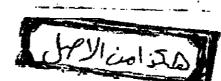
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ATHLETICS

Christie hopes to splash out on European farewell

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN MUNICH

SHOULD Linford Christie feel himself drowning if his ream-mates have occasion to give him a ducking tomorrow, never fear. One of the raw recruits in the Great Britain squad for the European Cup here this weekend is a former lifeguard. Who better, then, than Chris Rawlinson to go in at the deep end today?

It is custom in the European Cup for the winning team captain to be thrown into the steeplechase water basin and. given the strength of the Britain men's squad here, Christie cannot be over-confident of departing the arena dry. However, much may depend on Rawlinson, who has the unenviable task of being first on to the track in his first appearance overseas în a Great Britain vest.

Rawlinson is Britain's representative in the 400 metres hurdles and, if the mens' team is to beat Germany, the winning nation for the past three years and now on home soil, he must make sure that he scores, at the very least, the three points expected of him by finishing sixth. If he can oick up one or two more, and defeat Olaf Hense, the German representative, so much the better.

As you might expect of one who once tackled Rhino and Wolf on television in Gladiators, Rawlinson is not scared easily. Asked yesterday if he was feeling the pressure, he said: I have not really thought about it. In some respects, it is better being first on than last. If I make a mistake, it might be forgotten by Sunday afternoon."

Rawlinson, 25, is a sports science student at Loughborugh University, but, until recently, was a pool lifeguard. Six years as a lifeguard without saving any lives is . . . well

lt was more like a childminder's job," he said,



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"so I decided to go back to uni-

versity." Yesterday, Rawlinson did the captain's job, taking questions from the media at the team press conference that Christie refused to attend. Christie's absence was all the more irresponsible for it being his last appearance for Britain - and a chance to help to whip up interest back home in a

prospective momentus tri-

Malcolm Arnold, Britain's head coach, was reluctant to speak of victory, to say how this was a chance to correct the impression left by some sections of the media after the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year that British athletes were failures. Instead of fighting talk, of saying, perhaps, that British towels were out on German beaches - and that the territory would not be surrendered - Arnold kept it

strangely low key. "We need the rub of the green," was as close as Arnold came to a battle cry. Nor should we expect to see him dancing on the infield if the men end a sequence of five successive team second places in this competition, having last won the competition at Gateshead in 1989. Arnold is not given, like Frank Dick, his predecessor, to excitable spec-

ulation or celebration. However, before running away with the idea that British celebration is probable, Germany's more even strength across the events sends them into the two-day eight-nation competition as favourites. Until Wolfgang Kreissig, their high jumper, withdrew injured yesterday, and was replaced by an athlete with the best of 2.26 metres, their

announced team was as unchanged as Britain's. There is a difference, though, in the methodology of

the two national federations. The German federation is guaranteeing selection for the world championships in Athens to any athlete placing in the top two here and has put up a performance-related prize-fund. The British federation has offered no Athens guarantees and no money, not even for appearance. In fact, Arnold said: "They go home

He added that the way the team had "held together" since it was selected a formight ago was "a turn around of previous years". Not all British athletes in

the past had been willing to compete in the European Cup, but now every first-choice athlete is here on the men's side. Two women - Judy Oakes and PhylisSmith – have withdrawn in protest at their National Lottery sports fund grants, which, in Arnold's view, is "a bit petty and small-minded".

The Britain women's team includes Sally Gunnell, Denise Lewis, Kelly Holmes, Paula Radcliffe and Ashia Hansen, but is likely to finish in mid-table.

The men will need victories from Christie, Roger Black, Jonathan Edwards and Steve Backley, but each team member is as important as the next. For example, if those expected to finish sixth can finish fourth, that would be as valuable as a Christie 100 metres and 200 metres double.

For the throwers and horizontal jumpers, this European Cup marks a new, controversial turn; only four attempts. instead of the traditional six. are permitted. Arnold is vehemently opposed to the move. designed to concentrate interest in events that are thought to take too long



Christie: bowing out

Wigan primed to rise to the cause

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By Christopher Irvine

AS WELL as being heavily beaten in the world club championship group stages, British clubs have had a stick taken to them by the Australian media. Without a dramatic reversal of fortunes this weekend, the Pom bashing, which continued unabated yesterday after Oldham's hefty reverse at Adelaide, is unlikely to relent.

The brief lull in the squirming for the home sides in Australia, generated by Wigan's opening win at Sydneybased Canterbury, already seems an age ago. A 34-0 thrashing for Wigan by Bris-

Oldham Bears 14

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ADELAIDE Rams completed

Super League Visa world club

championship with this com-

fortable defeat of Oldham

Bears yesterday morning. De-

spite an early stumble, the

Rams never looked seriously

likely to become the third

Apstralasian side to succumb

Oldham enjoyed one of

their best moments two min-

utes after the kick-off. Wayne

to European opposition.

followed tomorrow by a visit to Canberra Raiders, worthy championship favourites, who encountered minimum resistance from Halifax Blue Sox and London Broncos in registering 136 points.
Wigan are no easy-beats,

Tim Henman celebrates his indoor victory over Grant Stafford in Nottingham yesterday. Report, page 56

RUGBY LEAGUE: MEDIA CRITICS ADD INSULT TO INJURY FOR BRITONS

but Canberra bristle with so much speed and energy that it is hard to see their momentum being halted. It has been a far from ideal week for Wigan, with Nigel Wright injured. Neil Cowie sent home early for missing a training session and the decision by Australian officials to give Gordon Tallis, the Brisbane forward, only a written warning for using Terry O'Connor's head as a

Simonds, the Adelaide wing,

failed to take Martin Cromp-

ton's high kick and Paul

Topping was on hand to dive

Yet that early advantage did

not last. Three first-half tries,

an 18-6 lead at half-time.

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on the ball for the try.

Faimalo to score.

an exceptional handler of the ball, he is quite comfortable under the high ball," Ray Unsworth, Wigan's assistant coach, said. Unsworth said that the Cowie incident had not affected preparation for the final leg

In place of Wright, Henry

Paul switches to stand-off half

and Paul Koloi, the new

Tongan recruit, makes his full

debut at full back for Wigan.

"Paul has been working with

Henry and, as well as being

of Wigan's away programme. "It's obviously a thing you don't like to happen on camp. We've had a meeting about it

and the guys seem somewhat uplifted and our focus is totally on Sunday," he said. Adelaide maintain dominance crucial try; Maloney's score

seven minutes from the end was but a consolation. The game was marred by a brawl in the 64th minute, caused by a late tackle by Leuila on Simonds. Both

their home fixtures in the all converted, gave Adelaide players were sent for a stint in the sin bin. Oldham gave themselves a SCORERS: Adelaide Rams: Tries: Galea SCUPIERS: Adealore Harris: Tries: Gales, Hick, Maybon, Simonds, Spore, Wifamson, Wingley Gores: Williamson (6), Wingley, Oldham Beers: Tries: Famalo, Maloney, Topping, Goat; Moloney, ADELAIDE RAMS: R Meybon; W Simonde, Coarse & Charles: R Meybon; W Simonde, the match early in the second half when Crompton held up

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said: "It's been tense in training, but it is a question, above all, of achieving some respect. Andy Platt, the captain of

Salford Reds, who meet North Queensland at Townsville today, said: "The commitment of the English clubs seems to waver in the final 15 minutes in each half. That's where we're all getting so heavily punished; the pace of the game is so quick here." In European home legs.

Halifax have suffered more

than any European side and

will almost certainly be re-

lieved, after the probable trau-

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tomorrow, to be on their way

home. Michael Jackson, one of

the few Blue Sox players to do

anything for their reputations.

Paris Saint-Germain tonight entertain Perth Reds, who lost their second match at Sheffield Eagles. St Helens, routed at home by Auckland and Cronulia, need an urgent improvement against Penrith tomorrow evening as pointsdifference looks like being their best chance of a

quarter-final place. The Rugby Football League (RFL) dismissed St Helens' protest about a timekeeping error in the 48-8 defeat last Monday by Cronulla, in which the first half was mistakenly extended by nearly four minutes and Cronulla scored a converted try. Clubs have been reminded that they alone are responsible for the

timing of matches.

TENNIS

Tranquillity dashed by efforts to beat rain

RY JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

EFFORTS to complete the Direct Line Insurance women's international tournament at Eastbourne have developed into a scramble entirely out of keeping with the tranquil at-mosphere at the seaside venue. A near wash-out yesterday, after a similar predicament on Thursday, left the organisers intent on completing the quar-ter-finals, semi-finals and the final in one session today.

Three of the quarter-finals are well advanced, but the match involving Arantxa San-chez Vicario and Irina Spirlea has yet to start. Sanchez Vicario, seeded No 4, faces the prospect of playing three singles matches. Play is scheduled to commence at 10.30am. when the singles event will take precedence over doubles

Even more may be required of Natasha Zvereva, Jana Novoma and Nathalie Tauziat, who are also separately engaged in the doubles event. Tauziat, whose quarter-final match with Zvereva was rained off with the score at 1-2 in the deciding set, was involved in a similar marathon in the DFS Classic at Edgbaston last week. She won the event after playing both the semi-final and final on Sunday. Tauziat returned to the venue on Monday, only to be defeated in the doubles

With Wimbledon starting on Monday, players at Eastbourne are anxious to complete the tournament today. If necessary, however, there will be play tomorrow, as there was in 1990.

Theoretically, Zvereva, Novotna or Tauziat could play in more than five matches. "I haven't yet decided if I will play the doubles," Tauziat said yesterday. "Everyone playing here will not be playing at Wimbledon until Tuesday. It is no problem, but, if it rains again, the players will not be particularly happy to play more than one match on Sun-

The rain arrived at a singularly inappropriate time for Novotna yesterday. Playing Ai Sugiyama, of Japan, Novotna, the No 2 seed, broke her set and was poised to serve out the opening set 6-2, was forced off the court with the score at 6-5 and 15-15. The pair were on court for 74 minutes; no play

There was no play at all in the other quarter-final, involving Monica Seles and Brenda Schultz-McCarthy. Seles, the No 1 seed and defending champion, trails her opponent by one set. The pair are locked together at 2-2 in the second

was possible after 12.25pm.

ROWING

Britain's best in imperious form

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL IN PARIS

latthew Pinsent stretched their unbeaten run of competitive races to 65 in Paris yesterday - 62 as a pair and three in their four with Tim Foster and James Cracknell. In a difficult crosswind, the

crew had problems off the start with the alignment damps. "It was a minute into the race before we really got going." Redgrave said. After that, the four cruised to first place over the France B crew to book a place in the final tomorrow, the appetite being whetted by the performance of the new France A crew, who, also relaxed, won the other heat in an identical time to the Britons.

Guin Batten, the Great Britain sculler, found herself in the same heat yesterday as Maria Brandin, of Sweden, who was fourth to Batten's lifth in the Olympic Games final in Atlanta last year and is Batten's main rival for a medal at Henley in two weeks time. Brandin and Batten held the first two places - with three qualifying — all the way and & cat and mouse" situa-

"I made it difficult for her by having a few bursts and then letting it off," Batten said. Brandin finished 3sec ahead. but Batten spent the race at a

dightly lower rate. Greg Searie, a heavyweight. and Peter Haining, a lightweight, two other leading Britsh scullers, each failed to qualify directly for their semifinals yesterday morning. Haining was leading his heat to 1,500 metres before his asthma, which he thought was

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STEVE REDGRAVE and behind him, returned and he finished second. Searle took advantage of his second chance yesterday evening by winning his repechage, but Haining, in spite of the use of an inhaler, stopped racing at 1.200 metres. The reshuffling of the wom-

en's squad paid off yesterday. Sue Walker and Lisa Ayre, racing as the Great Britain B crew in the coxless pairs, moved past Bulgaria and Germany, from third to first, in the last 500 metres of their heat to book a place in the final, although Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop, the A team, just missed out by finishing in second place behind Romania. Their chances of progressing in the repechage today, how-

ever, look good. Miriam Batten and Gillian Lindsay, a Scot, making their first international appearance in a double scull, led from the first stroke to record a comfortable victory, encouragingly 12sec faster than Switzerland, the other direct

qualifiers for the final. Batten said later: "I go well with Scots partners," making a reference to her 1991 world championship medal with

Fiona Freckleton. Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, the promising new coxless pair, had a hiccup in their first heat, admitting afterwards to going too hard too early. They looked set to win at 1,500 metres until Malizewski and Roche, the France third pair, put pressure on at 750 metres. Thatcher and Hunt-Davis's steering, became erratic, resulting in second place.

FOR THE RECORD BASEBALL

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CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Tauriton: Durham 363-9 dec; Somerset 43-1. No play, match drawn. Swareses: Glamorgan 190 and 28-2; Gloucestershire 300-3 dec. No play, match drawn. Cartechury: Derbyshire 201 and 70-0; Kert 258. Match drawn. Horshem: Warwickshire 230 and 50-2; Sussex 55-1 dec; Match drawn. Middlesbrough: Yoftshire 235 and 228-5 dec (A McGrath 102 not out, M J Wood 93), Woodstarshire 177-5 dec and 176-1 (C G Mason 100, C J Schobeld 56 not out). Match drawn. Middlestor Northamponshire 345-5 dec (R R Montgomene 89, A L Periberthy 86, K J Innes 71 not out, A J Swarm 51) and 67-0; Lancashire 197-9 dec [J J Haynes 66 not out). Match drawn. Final day of four: Coggeshalf: Middlesex 249 and 237 (S P Mothatt 117); Essex 148 and 157 (D G Wilson 52; R P Lane 4-12). Middleses win by 181 runs.

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Lions venture into unknown territory

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

THE moment of truth arrives for the British Isles touring party at Newlands here this evening, the selectors having gambled in choosing players on form rather than experience (or the first internation-

al against South Africa for 17 years. the likes of Jeremy Davidson, Tom Smith and Richard Hill can make the advance in class that will be required. "They're going into a tunnel," Jim Telfer. the Lions' assistant coach, said, "and they don't know if they're going to come out at the other end." Such players appear today on merit, but merit earned against teams significantly weaker than the experienced XV in green-and-gold which will line up against them. James Small, in his 38th international, joins Frik du Preez and Jannie Ellis as the most-capped South Africans of

If the weather frowns upon the game (a cold front is expected in Cape Town during the afternoon). then the examination of the Lions tight five forwards will be even greater because that is where the Springboks will begin their voyage

packs is no more than three stone but it is the constant application of that weight, on a soft pitch, which

the Lions must counter.
If their front five holds and gives the back row and scrum half a stable platform, then anything,



victory, is possible for a side sizzling with confidence. If they do not, and the Lions are reduced to scrabbling for possession in a country where one side can dominate the ball for prolonged periods, then South Africa will take a lead in

the three-match series. Ironically, the International Rug-by Football Board has held a conference in Cape Town this week where the central theme has been to ensure a fair contest for the ball. The board members have concluded that the southern-hemisphere emphasis on continuity has gone too far and is damaging such fundamental aspects of the game as the scrum, lineout and ruck.

"Because a game offers a chall-enge to the audience, it does not make it wrong," Lee Smith, the board's development officer, said memorably. The fast food of the Super 12 tournament, so in thrall to television interests, has not satisfied everyone and has led - as the Lions now know from experience to perversions of some of the game's laws. Television has also led to the ridiculous kick-off time of 5.15pm because that is the only slot when terrestrial air-time is available and which even the South Africa team management would rather avoid. The game will begin,

therefore, in fading light and conclude in darkness, which creates its own problems for defending full backs and wings.

The 1974 Lions began their international series with a 12-3 win on a Newlands morass. Since then, no Lions party has won the opening

SOUTH AFRICA

A J Joubert (Natal)

J C Mulder (Gauteng)

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M G Andrews (Natal)

J J Strydom (Gauteng)

Small (Western Province)

international of a series and only one — those of 1989 in Australia have recovered from the setback to claim the final honours. If they are to stake a claim in as powerful a rugby nation as South Africa, it

must be today.

Pivotal to the outcome will be the

- N R Jenkins (Pontypridd/Wales
- I C Evans (Llanelli/Waies) I S Gibbs (Swansea/Wales)
- G P J Townsend (North'ton/Scotland
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- L.B. N. Dallagilo (Wasps/England) M O Johnson (Leicester/England)
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- J C Guscott (Bath/England)
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REPLACEMENTS: 16 J Bentley (Newc astle/England), 17 M J Catt (Bath/Engl and), 18 A Healey (Leinester/England) and), 18 A Healey (Leicester/England), 19 B H Williams (RichmondWales), 20 J Leonard (Harlequins/England), 21 R I Wainwright (Watsonians/Army/Scot). display at scrum half of Matthew Dawson. Opportunity beckons the young Northampton player as never before after being overlooked

by England last season; the departure of Rob Howley with a dislocated shoulder last week brings Dawson face to face with Joost van der Westhuizen, arguably the best scrum half in the world, and his ability to survive in this arena is scarcely less important than the

"I have immense respect for Rob. we have got on well on this tour and I have learnt a lot from him," Dawson said. "If I can get close to Rob's quality, I will be very happy." So will his forwards, because if the the pack is struggling they will need every inch of territory the backs can wring out of the game and the accuracy of kicking from half-back — not one of Gregor

fate of the front five.

South Africa can also be expected to test Neil Jenkins's positional sense and bravery at full back. The latter is not in doubt, the former is for a player far happier at stand-off half, given half a chance, Jenkins will run ball back at opponents, using his wings as foils rather than hustling his own way through. It

was his footballing vision which allowed John Bentley to score his

Townsend's strengths - will be

memorable try against Gauteng and this, finally, will be the key to the Lions winning.

Assuming some degree of parity at the set-pieces, the Lions are committed to an expansive game which they must now sustain under pressure more intense than under pressure more intense than any they have known, as a team, before. The ability to keep your game in place when you are knackered will be the key." Telfer, whose players have ended every tour match strongly, said. If we can contain South Africa, keep close to them for the first 60 minutes, it will be a very interest-

ing last 20." Maybe it is significant that before the match, the Webb Ellis Trophy, won by South Africa at the 1995 World Cup, will be returned to Rugby World Cup Ltd to begin its journey to Wales and the 1999 tournament. Its departure could inspire the Springboks, whose stock, in public eyes, was lowered by the series defeat against New Zealand last year, on the other hand, the cup now passes into Welsh possession and today the Lions, Jenkins, Ieuan Evans, Scott Gibbs and friends, need all the omens they can find.

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England toil before rain returns

McGrath puts Australia in strong position

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

LORD'S (second day of five. Australia won the tossi: England have scored 38 for three wickets against Australia

FIRST it had been the weather that doused the spirit of the Lord's crowds, then a headmasterish lecture on behaviour from the secretary of MCC. By the time the second Cornhill Test got under way 24 hours late and England lost their first three wickets for 13, the rampant euphoria of Edgbaston might have been a lifetime rather than a fortnight

ago.
Only 90 minutes of play was possible before the promised rain arrived, but it was enough to engulf the ground in a bewildered silence. The thousands who had come to celebrate a new dawn for the England team retreated to their damp and deflated picnics wondering if it had been just another delusion.

This, of course, would be an even harsher prejudgment than that made on Australia after their rout at Edgbaston. Conditions yesterday were more hostile to batsmen than on the first morning in Birmingham and, in Ğlenn McGrath. Australia had the ideal bowler to exploit them.

England, on reflection, may be relieved to have lost only their top three. Certainly, they were grateful to Nasser

ENGLAND: First Imings

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Total (3 wkts, 21 overs, 92min).

J P Crawley, M A Ealham, R D B Crott, D Gough, A R Caddick and D E Malcolm

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Hussain and Graham Thorpe for surviving. At Edghaston. they had come together at 50 for three and added 288; esterday's reunion brought them an unbroken 25, heroism in miniature.

With further rain forecast over the coming three days, something outlandish will be required to create a positive outcome and MCC were also obliged to contemplate negatives as their raincheck

Michael Henderson ... Swing to Durham

scheme was activated for the second successive day. Refunds of half the ticket value apply for yesterday and the potential outgoings are now close to £1 million.

MCC can exert no control over the climate, but plenty over their spectators. The heckling of Australians at Edgbaston provoked a preplay address from the secretary, Roger Knight, advising of the standards expected.

It was a good toss for Mark Taylor to have won and Michael Atherton would surely have preferred to be in the field. Neither man, however. could have expected quite the assistance the quicker bowlers received as the ball seamed,

BOWLING: McGrath 10-2-21-3 (3 fours one spell), Relifiel 8-4-4-0 (ab 2)

5-4-1-0, 1-0-3-0); Kasprowicz 5-1-9-0 (nb 2, 1 four, one spell).

AUSTRALIA: "M A Taylor, M T G Bliot G S Blewert, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, M G Bevan, 11 A Heaty, S K Warne, M S Kasprowcz, P R Reiftel, G D McGrath

Umpires: 0 R Shepherd and S Verikat-araghavan (India) Third umpires: 0 J Constant, Match referee: R S Madugalie (Sri Lanka)

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Edg-baston) England won by nine wickers Tests to come: Third (Old Trailord) July 2-7 Fourth (Headingley): July 24-28 Fifth (Trent Bridge): August 7-11 Sodh (The Oval): August 21-25

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

swung and bounced unevenly off an already cracked surface. Atherton, who had been presented with a silver salver before the toss to recognise his record 42nd Test as captain, was quickly acquainted with the problems as Paul Reiffel.

in his very English style, made the ball dart around . It was, however, McGrath who took the spoils. He was strangely out of sorts at Edgbaston, but he ranks among the half-dozen best new-ball bowlers in the modern game and demonstrated it now with 13 balls that brought him three wickets for two

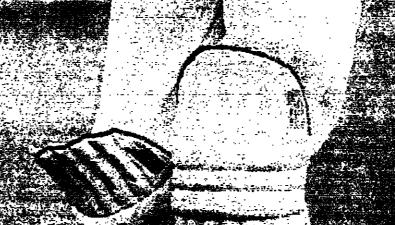
Early in the seventh over, Mark Butcher recorded a four over the slip cordon off the shoulder of the bat. When McGrath bowled a similarly spiteful ball, he could only fend it, off bat and pad, to short-leg. He walked without awaiting a decision, doubtless wondering if his third innings in Test cricket might be his

Atherton has played obsti-nately in similar circumstances, but this was not to be his day. Adjusting late to a ball that bounced and left him, he could only deflect it low to the right of first slip, where Taylor took a sharp catch.

Alec Stewart fell to a rare misjudgment, offering no stroke to a ball coming back down the hill to hit off stump. and a precarious position could quickly have become calamitous. Thorpe, still on nought, edged McGrath and Ian Healy, plunging forward, scooped up the ball before trotting forward to confess it had been taken on the half-voiley.

Soon, Thorpe was taking two successive fours off McGrath. prompting Taylor to turn to Shane Warne, but whether Warne has recovered form as well as McGrath remains to be seen. The rain began as he prepared to bowl his first ball and a resumption never looked





A rueful Atherton sets off for the pavilion after being caught at first slip by Taylor

British hopes happy to come in from the cold

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

THE dream of an all-British final in the Nottingham Open is still alive, even if the weather is turning the competition into a nightmare for the organisers. The quarter-finals vesterday, including wins for Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, were decided on indoor courts at the Nottingham Temús Centre, with spectactors excluded while rain teamed down outside.

Rusedski enjoyed a fairly trouble-free 6-3, 7-6 victory over Jason Stoltenberg, of Australia, but Tim Henman, with the overnight score in his South Africa, standing at one set all, had to save four match. points in a single set shoot-out, coming back from a service break down to win the tiebreak 8-6. He faces Karol

Kucera, of Slovakia, today. The battling performance, encouraging as it was, is an imperfect pointer to the British No i's Wimbledon form, although there were plenty of positive points to be drawn. "It wasn't on grass, but it was another match and I won," Henman. said. To come through my last two matches 7-6 in the third is mentally very satisfying. It shows I'm fighting very hard. I certainly didn't expect to be playing indoors on cement, but it's more matches and that's what I said I needed this week — the more the better."

If the bad weather continues today, the final may be delayed until tomorrow, but Henman will not mind. "It's obviously going to be a tight schedule, but I'd love to be in the final whatever day it's on. It won't affect me." Rusedski, who needed only

two of his three match points in the second set tie-break to clinch a semi-final place against Sandon Stolle, of Australia, today was more equivocal. "I have more than enough tennis under my belt," he said.
"If I didn't reach the final, I wouldn't be disappointed because I'd have an extra day or two off before Wimbledon, but if I do it's good for me too — so any which way, it's a pos-

He refused to be drawn on the possibility of the first all-British final of the open era. "We both have difficult matches and can't look ahead yet." he said. There is every chance that those matches will also be indoors, where the absence of spectators made for an unreal

atmosphere yesterday. Shots that merited applause drew only muttered approval from court-side reporters cagey about appearing partisan; but pencils were soon being chewed anxiously. Henman had two break points in the fifth game, but could not benefit: Stafford, however, needed only one chance to break Henman's serve in the next as Henman put a fore-

double fault. At match point down, when the crowd would have lifted the home favourite, there was

Andre Agassi withdrew from Wimbledon yesterday with a recurrent wrist affu ry. Agassi, the champion in 1992, has not played a tournament for two months and was unseeded. Seven of the world's top 20 players will not take part this year.

only eerie silence, but Stafford served a double fault and Henman went on to break back. In the tie-break, Henman was 6-3 down, saved two match points on his own service and levelled via the net cord on his opponent's. When Stafford put a backhand wide, Henman's forehand did the rest. Cue eruption from behind a curtained screen as previously silent supporters made their feelings loudly known on hearing the result.

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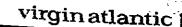
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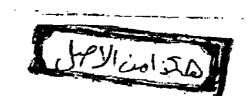


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Why do women put up with it? Rose Wild explains the bizarre weekend ritual of bats, balls and Branston pickle



Ready for the tea interval, three of the Crowcombe Cricket Club stalwarts: left to right, Margaret Kennington, Christine Lewis and Anita Brewer, doyenne of the teas, whose husband Viv is the club's vice-chairman and son Chris the club captain

Tea for 24, please went to a cricket the proceedings on the pitch have some 400 opportunities of Penelope really was to get was as nothing to the dawning pointing out that his absorbing Ulysses out of the house is horror that there stretched passion is only a game. He perhaps best answered by Milknows this not to be true, but ahead six or seven hours dred Dent For 20 years since

match. While England were winning a famous victory over the Australians at Edgbaston, the Old Talbotians were notching up a thrilling draw — I think that's how my husband put it against a team of vaguely familiar television actors at the lavishly appointed Bank of England sports ground in southwest London. The sun shone quite a lot, there were occasional sharp showers, largely ignored by the players, and a firm wind blew. In almost no time, the Sunday newspapers were turned into something

couple of weeks ago I

resembling grey meringues. No matter how many sorties one makes into glorious looking summer days, there are never enough warm sweaters to hand. At least at the Bank of part of every summer weekend England ground we had the picnic rugs to wrap up in. The years of marital untogethercharm of it all wasn't obvious, none the less, to the Californian we had brought with us to the game. Her husband, a financial analyst, had manfully stepped in to fill a gap in the ranks and, as a recent arrival in this country, she was keen to take in an important cultural experience. Her bafflement at

braced against the wind whipping across the blasted heath. Shortly after the tea interval she said she thought she probably ought to be getting on with her dissertation on 19th-century German psychology, so I

drove her home. I expect the marriage will last. These things, after all, give backbone to relationships. It takes a real bond to survive a man disappearing for the best through anything up to 40 ness. And it takes a woman to make him pay.

The accomplished cricket wife will see these years of absenteeism as an ongoing build-up of credit. Over the average playing span of the amateur cricketers - of whom hundreds of thousands take to the pitch every week - she will

the subliminal message will sneak its way past his defence. Many is the player who scrapes it on to the field with seconds to spare, groaning from the weight of domestic chores.

Of course, his absence is less a cause for grievance than relief. Even the most Nineties of wives will see the proven benefits of getting a chap out of the house. Where once they had to be sent off to build empires to keep them out of mischief, now they can simply stride out to that distant wicket and stay there as long as the rain holds off. Squash and bowls don't take half long enough. Tennis and golf are a mere flurry. Only a slow boat to India can compare with those contemplative hours crouched to attention in the outfield of some wellmown English meadow. The question of how glad

his retirement, her husband George has devoted his energies to the organisation and wellbeing of Crowcombe Cricket Club. Crowcombe is a village of about 400 people at the foot of the Quantock Hills in west

ore famous of late as the home of the Ouantock Staghounds, the village none the less hosts four cricket teams, plus junior XIs. But cricket, Mrs Dent says, "bores me stiff". With husband umpiring and children enthusiastic, she put in her time on the boundary, but "it's so slow, and they go on and on and then everyone claps and shouts and I say what's happened and they all say, 'Shhhh' ".

don't like to talk about it really,

because I have this enormous guilt," she says. "But when you have young children you do what they want to do. When you're old you can do what you want." So she bought herself a summer house, where she sits with her radio and sews. Her latest work, a set of tapestry chairs, took some three cricket seasons to complete.

The courage of Mrs Dent's convictions has made her something of a legend in Crowcombe. Cricket is to this village as Blues is to Chicago or duck to Peking. And however fortunes fare in the West Somerset League, the teas are absolutely champion. The mastermind behind the urn is Anita Brewer, whose husband Viv doubles as village sub-postmaster and cricket club vicechairman, and whose son Chris is club captain.

While Crowcombe teas are famous, they are also the sub-Finally the worm turned. "I ject of a certain amount of competition among the providthe top a bit," Mrs Brewer says rather chillingly. As a onceonly volunteer, I found out what this means, to my cost, and, believe me, no crime is greater. I offered to help with the OTs' tea, and was caught red-handed trying to put watercress into the cheese sandwiches.

Margaret Kennington, a pillar of the Crowcombe tea rota, gives the definitive recipe for a cricket tea which will offend no masculine sensibilities. It goes like this:

2 brown loaves various fillings: egg and cress, ham, cheese and chutney, tomatoes and salad small pies and pasties, jam tarts, sausage rolls, cakes, sponges, scones with strawberry iam or strawberries and cream

3 white loaves

One player, according to Mrs Brewer, simply has to have

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tea, coffee and squash.

and pickle sandwiches whenever he plays. "Sometimes I hide the lemon curd in something else so he has to go round looking for it." Occasional liberties with the formula are allowed: "Sometimes we do something special like meringues, or fruit flans or savoury flans," Mrs Kennington says. "And of course they like anything with chocolate."

lemon curd tarts and cheese

Once the players have done their best with this bounty, it is generously extended to spectators to polish off, something of which the Bank of England might take note. When the OTs played at their ground, the tea scarcely went round the players. And yet, for the OTs, this fixture is by far their most luxurious. More commonly they are to be found among the Portakabins of Perivale municipal park.

The OTs are not, as they might sound, sporting scions of some minor public school. Instead, they descend from the house team of James Goldsmith's Now magazine, which was puzzlingly nicknamed Talbot by Private Eve during its brief 1970s existence. The years

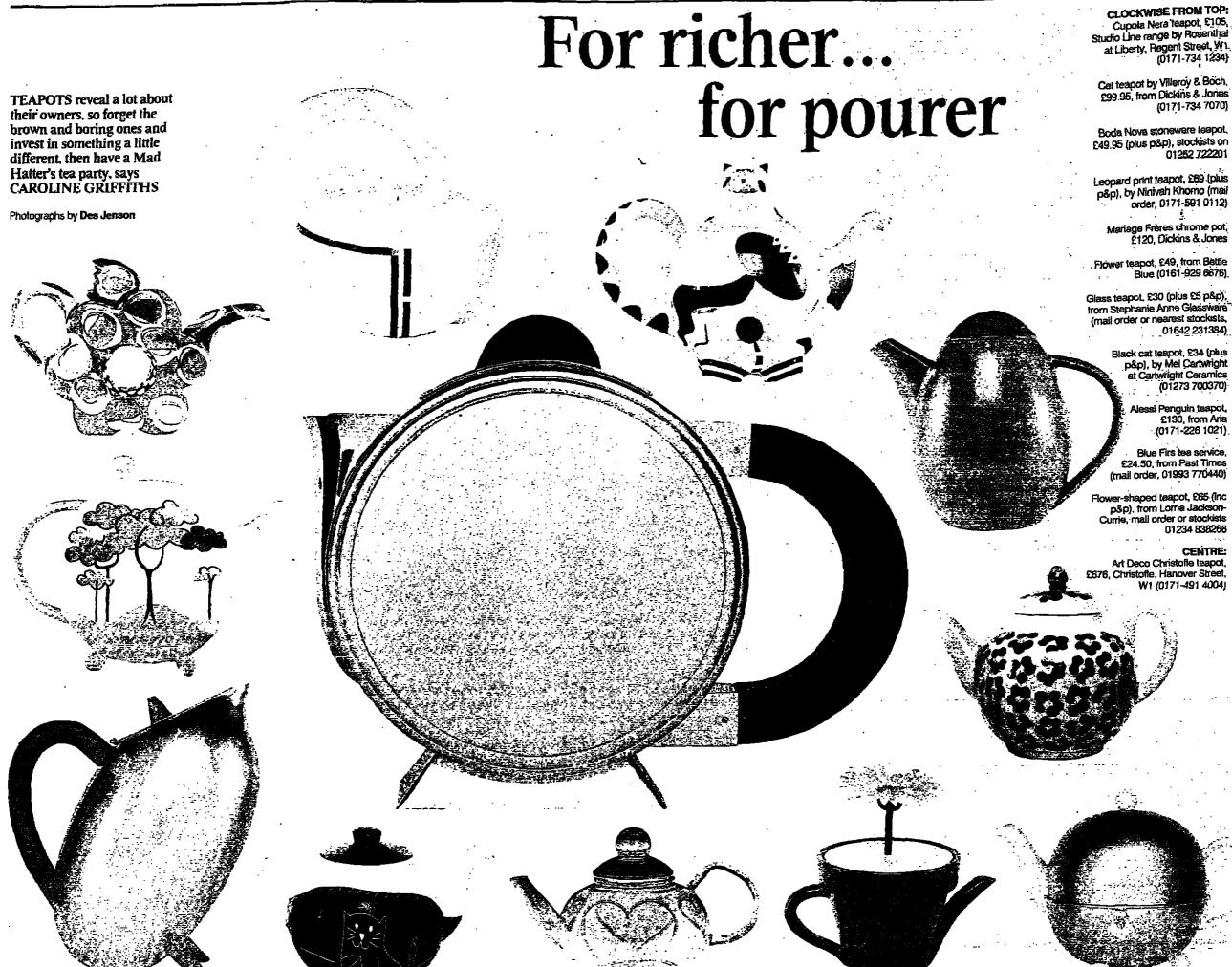
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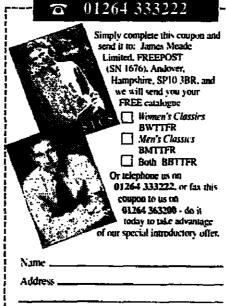
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'There's this coffin in our boot

Continued from page I have thinned the numbers and thickened the waists of the original journalistic eleven. and numbers have been augmented by younger and fitter blood from other professions. Urban teams such as the

OTs lead a sad life in comparison with their country counterparts, and long to escape their barren suburban parks, where dogs roam unfettered, for the idylis of Oxfordshire and beyond.

The highlight of the season. and often the only opportunity for spouses to see each other in daylight during the summer months, is the tour. Those two or three days playing on rural pitches with convivial hostelries close at hand is the urban player's ideal of what cricket should be. Many of them also cherish the illusion that it amounts to a consoling summer holiday for the accompanying womenfolk, who would otherwise have to be content with a midweek trip to Paris on the Eurostar, if they were

Not that womenfolk are usually much in evidence at OT games. The typical crowd of supporters totals one: Suc Greenhill, a photographer, who turns out loyally in support of her partner, the writer Andrew Lycett. Week after week she braves the horrors of suburban traffic. and can be seen swathed in rugs in glamorous solitude on the boundary.

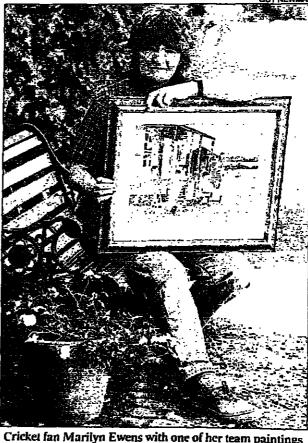
There are trials involved in living with the team's most reliable player. "Andrew insists on keeping the team kit in the back of the car, because he thinks it's the only way you can guarantee getting to play in the next game. So we have to drive round all summer with this thing the size of a coffin in the boot." And, she adds somewhat disloyally. "they have to spend hours in the bath after a match or they can't move the next day."

ge may not wither the A enthusiasm of the ama-teur cricketer, but incvitably, as the skills start to recede, the inscentity grows. Children quickly work out that a good way to get Daddy to say really interesting rude words is to go and make smart

remarks as he plods sadly

back to the pavilion after a

poor innnings. "You'd be



Cricket fan Marilyn Ewens with one of her team paintings

amazed at how many bats have been thrown at that cupboard." Mrs Brewer says. pointing to a battered relic outside the Crowcombe dress-A noticeable sign of failing

powers is the gradual prolifer-ation of bats in the front hall. They simply don't make them the right weight or the handle the right length any more. In Crowcombe, artist Mari-

lyn Ewens's half is overflowing with gear. Her husband, Chris Smith, plays for Crowcombe's Second XI and runs the under-13s, and they have two sons and a daughter. who all play. They play host to five sets of kit. "We used to keep all the stuff in an enormous chest under the stairs but it overflowed ages ago and now it's everywhere. Sometimes, at the end of the season." Marilyn says, "I find bags with all the crumpled whites still in them. It only occurs to them to wonder where they are just before a game, as if they will magically have washed themselves."

Like many of what one might call the senior cricket

time but, as she says, "in a busy weekend, going to the game makes you take time out. If you're at the ground you can't be cooking. And there is a bonus. Manlyn's beautiful paintings of the cricket team at work adorn and, in between her exhibitions, sell from the bar of Crowcombe's estimable pub, the Carew Arms.

bly pall if you can do it all the

ut not all cricket wives B share her equanimity about the game. Kitty Morris, whose husband Rupert, a journalist, is president of the OTs, fears for the future. of the team. "The trouble is that the younger players are getting settled down.

The women want the men to be doing things: they want them to be nesting. Unless the team can get in a younger, laddish, element. I'm afraid it's all danger of collapsing in on itself. Like the Shakers.

they may just die out." Surely not. Some newly wed players may risk the ridicule of team mates by skipping a couple of seasons, but, if my husband is anything to go by it's just a phase they go through. Trips to ikea may hold a passing sway, but soon the siren call to the stumps will recapture them, and England can sleep soundly once more. ● The Old Talbotians' summer tour will this year visit Crowcombe for the first time, where they will play the Sunday XI on August 3).

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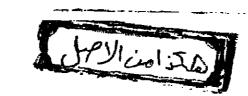
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says colour psy-chologist Angela Wright and this summer it certainly shows when it comes to fashion. It is everywhere, in every shade from light duckegg to deep indigo — with a fresh, lively, Mediterranean

Wright says: "When people wear blue it encourages them to centre themselves and concentrate on work requiring mental effort." It is considered to be a friendly, reflective colour in its lighter versions. relaxed and confident in midtones or more efficient and authoritative when dark.

Within the blue spectrum there is at least one tone for everyone. Mid-tones are good for most skin colours, blondes suit light sky blues and brunettes, dark navy. However this summer is to mix and match tones and shades.

The combinations are endless — a bold electric blue singlet can liven up a dark trouser suit, periwinkle ruffle tops go well with darker navy skirts and light shirts can be worn with simple cobalt slacks. These mixtures are flexible enough for the office and evening as long as there is a dash of navy.

You can highlight your best features with paler shades and disguise imperfections with with a bright blue top will lead the eye away from fuller hips. Shoes and bags should con-

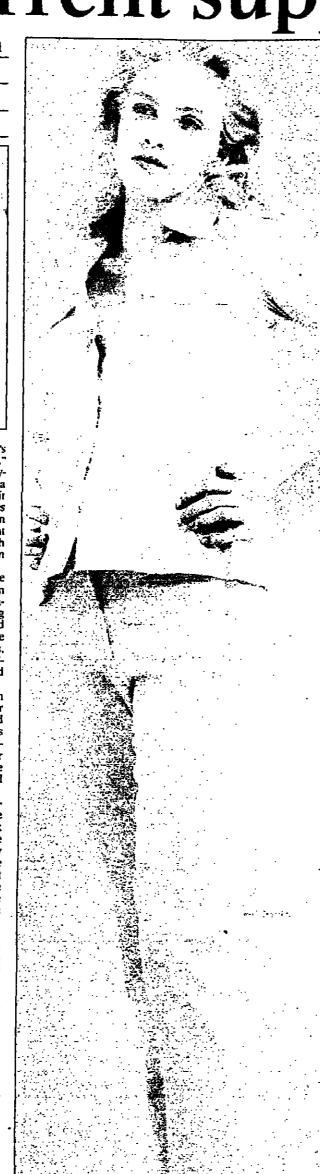
trast with your outfit, never match. For jewellery, simple silver torques and bangles are subtle and chic.

Every contemporary clothes shop is stocking blue fashion this summer, from high street chains such as French Connection, Warehouse and Morisoon to designers such as Anna Molinari's Blumarine label, Istante, Miu Miu and Ben de Lisi.

Blue may be this year's colour but clothes you buy now will take you through many seasons and are a sound

ABOVE: Catwalk casual by Ben de Lisi and RIGHT: High street version stretch shirt, £60; stretch trousers, £50, both from, French Connection, branches

nationwide (0171-580 2507). Flat mules, £95.50, Russell & Bromley, 23-24 New Bond Street, London W1. (0171-629 6903)



of electric blue





LEFT: Designer version -- frilled shirt and wrap skirt by Blumarine and RIGHT: Chain store chic — trill wrap top, £35, Warehouse, (0171-705 1901). Silk wrap skirt, £80, Monsoon, branches nationwide (0171-313 3000)

TOP: Shirny stretch top, £48; blue flared trousers, £120, both by Caractère, Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1; Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-631 4777). Pale blue knit elbow length cardigan, £79 50, Scotch House, 2 Brompton Road, London, SW1 (0171-581 2151)

Main photographs by Richard Burns. Catwalk photographs by Chris Moore. Hair and make-up by Sally Kvalheim for Jo Hansford (0171-495 7774) Styling by Amandip Uppel

THREE OF A KIND

Let your toes beathe this summer with a pair of sandals - from simple thongs to high-tech hikers. Here are three of the best. H.B.



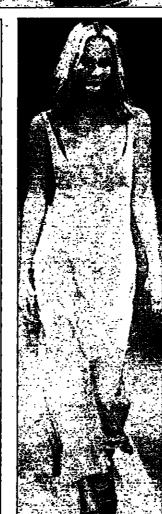
Brown leather cross strap sandals, £64.99, branches (0171-629 6903)



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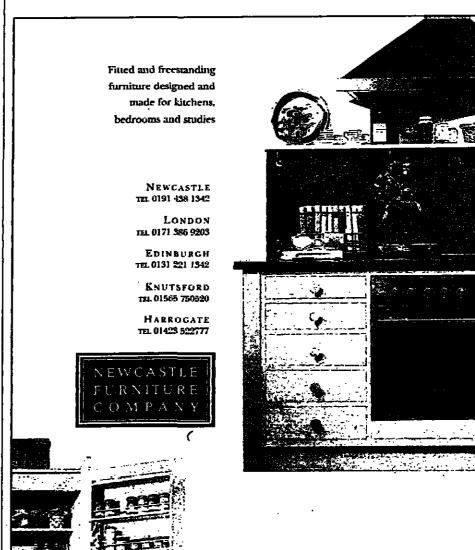
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LEFT: Catwalk class blue dress from ABOVE: Along similar lines, jersey dress

with split, £380 approx, Ritmo di Perla, Emanuel Kenel, 147 Sloane Street, SW1 (0171-730 0121). Clear plastic bangles from £16.95, Ferwick, New Bond Street, W1. Cross front Mules, £59.95, Bertie, 36 South Molton Street, W1 (0171-935 2002).



GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

l have a young avoca-do, lft high, grown from a pip in a 7in pot. Mrs A. Bates, Chesham.

At this time of year it could be put out on a sheltered terrace. Pot it on gradually as necessary for stability. Normally, it is a large tropical tree, so all you can hope to do is keep it for amusement as a foliage plant. The leaves are large. dramatic and not unlike a big magnolia. Pinch it out regularly to make it bushy, or it will quickly become rangy. In winter, bring it indoors, or into a frost-free greenhouse (or warmer).

I have just acquired a loin, glazed, frost-proof pot, and would like to use it to make a statement on the patio. Can you suggest a plant which is both dramatic and completely hardy, and will not need watering every couple of days? — Mrs J.C.N. Bew, Guildford, Surrey.

A If your patio is south-facing, anything har-dy in a loin-pot will need water at least every two to three days in hot weather. There are succulents from hotter climates, such as Agave americana and Aeonium arboreum, which would last long enough without water in full hot sun, but they are not hardy.

If you just want summer drama, I would settle for some smart bedding - a large white-on-grey standard argyranthemum perhaps, or butterfly pelargoniums. But in hot spells you will need to water daily.

If hardiness and lack of watering are paramount, how about filling the pot with a capping of classy house leek? They are hardy, need little watering and, when the bigger rosettes push up their 9in stems to flower, they are certainly intriguing. I always have a pair of pots planted like that, flanking the steps down to my back garden.

I use a variety with slatey. plum-coloured leaves and. as the plants produce their babes around the parent rosette, they mound up and squeeze themselves over the edge of the pot in a determined, lava-like fashion.

My 40-year-old Judas tree. Cerceis siliquas-trum, failed to shed its flower pods over winter, so

this year's flowers and form, though there are a younger trees, has had the same experience. Is this a result of winter drought? Should I pick off all those pods? Will the tree adjust? - G.E. Herbert, Haverhill,

Could it be that last year's hot summer encouraged the setting of a bumper crop of seed and the tree then did not shed its pods, and was too exhausted to make flower buds for this year? Could it be that the tree died of drought last autumn? Always be suspicious of leaves or fruit that refuse to fall. Either way, old pods cannot stop new leaves or flowers emerging.

The Judas tree has this odd habit of producing its bright pink pea flowers out of the bark of older wood just as the leaves emerge in spring. But if the tree is alive, then leaves and, perhaps, flowers will surely emerge. It may be that the new buds were hit by a late frost just as they were emerging.
I have had countless let-

ters about this sort of prob-lem on all kinds of plants. from wisteria to plane trees. Just give it time, see where it sprouts and then cut back the dead growth. Look at the trunk for major splits: this could mean the whole tree will die back.

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Barbara Segall meets a grower whose cottage garden is aglow with more than 80 fragrant rosa varieties



Natalie Finch at work in her rose garden in the Stour Valley. Essex. She likes to pass on her knowledge, including successes and disasters, to visitors and those who attend her rose days

A lesson in loving old roses

oses have coloured and perfumed Nat-alie Finch's garden ⊾in the Stour Valley, Essex, for about 25 years. Her cottage is home to more than 80 old roses, and her own rosetinted love for the queen of flowers has developed into a series of lectures and rose study days.

Her introduction to roses came through a neighbour who grew many of the evocatively named, so-called old roses. "Bourbons, centifolias, albas, damasks, chinas, gallicas, hybrid musks and mosses - they were all so beautiful," Mrs Finch says. "I went from rose to rose marvelling at their beauty."

The future of this rose romance was sealed when the neighbour left a trug full of perfect blooms on Mrs Finch's doorstep one summer's evening. Mrs Finch determined to learn all she could about them and how to grow them.

Today, blending rose legend and folklore with hands-on horticulture, Mrs Finch passes on her knowledge, including her successes and disasters, to

visitors and those who attend her annual rose days in June. The rose days begin in the garden with a cup of coffee and a glimpse of its gems

before a lecture with slides indoors. Lunch is served in the garden, followed by a tour, the real heart of the rose day. Mrs Finch describes how to recognise the different groups of roses that she grows, gives advice on pruning and growing conditions and demonstrates how to grow these lovely old roses to best advantage.

The tour ends with suggestions for plants that will combine well with roses, and many of these suggestions can be seen in place in the one-acre garden. A former apple or-chard, this is the perfect site for the wide variety of old roses. Part of its charm is in the way Mrs Finch has found the perfect position for each of her roses. The sites suit their habit and scale and the result is a "living" classroom, where you can learn about and enjoy

roses at the same time. Against the field hedge of mature holly bushes, all well over 30ft high, rampant ram-blers and climbers hold the high ground. Here is a hybrid of Rosa glauca 'Sir Cedric Morris', a rose that was found as a seedling in the garden of the late Sir Cedric Morris, the artist and plantsman, at Hadleigh, Suffolk.

ere, 100. are mighty strong-holds of Rosa filipes 'Kiftsgate' and Rosa helenae. These, and Rosa glauca, are all extremely vigorous, but if there is a tree, old shed or hedge for them to grow over, the clouds of fragrant flowers in summer and bright hips in autumn are a wonderful reward.

Although roses hold the central focus in the garden, Mrs Finch keeps a succession of colour and interest using many herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees. In particular, she enjoys plants with silver and golden variegation, as well as those with buttery yellow and citrine green flow-ers that lift the garden in spring. There are also pools of golden colour from aconites. crocus, hellebores, fritillaries,

pulmonarias and anemones.

TAKING CUTTINGS

Natalie Finch takes sections

23cm/9in long, thick as a pencil, and sets them in a

trench at a spade's depth. Before planting she adds a

handful of sand to the base

of the trench and dips the

cutting into hormone root-

ing powder. If she has to

delay planting, she keeps

She removes all the fo-

liage except for the two top

leaves. Then she firms the

cuttings in gently and waits to see if they take before potting in November.

In February, Mrs Finch

applies a winter wash to the

roses to eradicate blackspot.

She also feeds the plants

with a rose fertiliser, and

mulches their bases with

garden compost or spent

mushroom compost. She

puts the mulch on after rain.

to hold moisture. In March

CARE OF OLD ROSES

the cuttings in water.

supports, roses mingle in flow-er borders with typical herbaceous perennials of the cottage garden, including peony, geranium, viola, anthemis, rosemary and lavender. To follow the roses in late summer. Mrs

Secrets of growing success

and April, she sprays against aphids and black-

spot every ten days. From June, she deadheads

blooms to keep the plants looking good and to ensure

prolonged flowering. She

never removes blooms from

roses that offer their orna-

mental hips as the autumn

attraction. Roses that repeat

flowering, such as 'Graham

As far as possible, the

roses are kept well watered

in summer. Mulching after

rain or a good soaking helps

to retain moisture. This

year, the exceptionally early

dry conditions are resulting

than in previous years.

more mildew on roses

In September/October.

Mrs Finch begins to take

cuttings, continuing into

November. She also prunes

the plants in autumn - to

give them shape rather than

as heavy pruning. She likes

complete pruning before Christmas. Mrs Finch lets

Thomas', are fed again.

Away from hedges and tree Finch has planted many clematis, such as C. vitcella alba. that wind through the roses and other shrubs.

In one area of the garden. Mrs Finch has used the pastel petticoats of Papaver rhoeas, originally from Sir Cedric

bush roses first achieve shape and then prunes for a balanced effect, taking out

weak, dead and damaged

wood. She removes older

growth if the plant becomes

Because she has the space,

Mrs Finch leaves rambler

roses alone, but removes old

wood, especially if the rose

is growing into a free-

standing tree. Climbers

don't grow away as much as

ramblers so she takes out

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BUYING OLD ROSES

plus dead wood.

crowded with stems.

Agrostemma githago, among roses and stands of Thalictrum aquilegiifolium to create an "Impressionistic border". Her mistakes, as well as her

Morris's selections, with wild

flowers such as corracocke.

successes, are on display and, with great aplomb, Mrs Finch turns them to a teaching advantage. "Having put a garden together from nothing. I know the hazards and never mind explaining my mistakes, says Mrs Finch, who describes herself as an adaptor, rather than a planner".

Nothing goes to waste in the garden. When an old cotoneaster died. Mrs Finch left it in place and used it as the starting support for a vigorous climbing rose, 'Seagull'. As it grew, she trained it along the bare branches of the old cotoneaster, aiming to transform it in summer to a flowerdecked framework. Eventually, 'Seagull' will be persuaded to take flight into a large, nearby tree to make a spectacular display.

ld apple trees offer their gnarled limbs to numerous plants of a rose named 'Apple Blossom'. Meanwhile. New Dawn tumbles from an old pear tree and, in a cedar, 'Paul's Himalayan Musk' makes a dash for heaven.

Trees that fall, such as those that were victims of the storm of 1987, are also drafted into service and transformed into habitats for roses and other herbaceous perennials.

 Natalie Finch's garden at "Rosemary". Rectory Hill, East Bergholt, Colchester, Essex CO7 6TH (01206 298241) is open tomorrow, 2-opm, for the Royal National Rose Society's Rose 2000 Appeal to create the National Rose Garden. Other visits by

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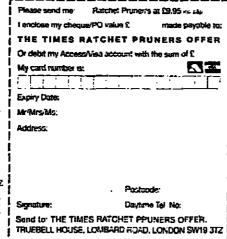
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Pruning once-flowering shrub roses

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Historically important, the hall has the most memorable adaptation of the classical Italian garden to the English countryside. Created by Sir George Sitwell, the garden is a progression from the romantic gabled house, descending in terraces, divided by enormous yew hedges and decorated with outstanding Italian statues and other ornaments. Midway down the garden, a large formal pool is enlivened by an enormous jet fountain and, at the bottom, two huge statues look out over the park dropping away to a lake. There are richly planted horders and plenty of horticultural surprises. as well as delightful corners, such as the island accessible via an iron-railed bridge, or the upper terrace on one side beyond a lime avenue.

OPEN THIS WEEKEND

■ Ilmington Manor, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire (01608 682230)

Eight miles south of Stratford-upon-Avon. Open tomorrow and July 6. 2-6pm. £2, children free.

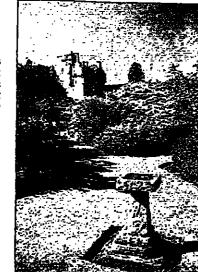
The gabled stone manor of Umington makes a delightful centrepiece to this well-crafted garden which achieves its fullest dimension during late-June and early July. In one area, a group of surviving fruit trees recall the orchard which originally covered most of the area before the garden was begun between the wars. The old-fashioned roses are prolific and complement herbaceous plants in the main double border, but there is plenty of variety with meticulous arrangement by colour in another area, ebulliently planted lead containers and troughs, and a pool surrounded with flagstones whose joins are planted with herbs. A sense that the garden has continued to

evolve to the present day combines with an air of establishment in the best possible way. A good example of the landmarks along the way is the elegant gazebo recently built to celebrate the owner's 80th birthday.

■ Crathes Castle, Banchory, Aberdeenshire (01330 844529)

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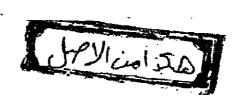
This has been one of the country's front-ranking gardens since its creation by Sir James Burnett of Leys and his wife and its completion about 50 years ago. The castle is 10th century and the voluminous yew hedges. integral to the garden's atmosphere, are circa 1700. But it is the arrangement of eight separate garden areas, each with its own character, combining with the enlightened combinations of plants in the different borders, that make Crathes such an intrinsically



Crathes Castle gardens, Banchory

20th-century garden. Groupings of shrubs in contrast to herbaceous borders, such as Lady Burnett's renowned white border, progressively build up the impact for visitors.

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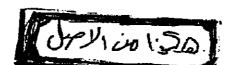


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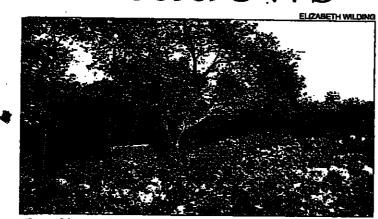
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I'm just wild about meadows



Flowering meadows need poor soil to discourage coarse grasse

To achieve the natural look takes a little hard work, says Stephen Anderton

nyone who has made a wild flower meadow will tell you that it's magic and beautiful when it works, but not an easy option. Where great meadows exist in alpine or lowland countryside, they are usually the result of centuries of one consistent system of cultivation. And buying the effects of time is never easy. But if you want to have a go, this is how to go about it.

Decide first if it will be practical in a small garden. Will the children flatten it? Will it have the Wella wave or look like wheat after a thunderstorm? Are you prepared to wait until the flowers have seeded. then to cut hay in summer and to have brown stubble? Long grass, which is more of a threat than a

promise, is no use to anyone. If the answer is still yes, I want a meadow, then decide which kind of meadow. There are basically two. There is one in which bare soil occurs regularly and annual flowers can seed and grow in the bare patches, and another in which consistently dense turf is planted

can compare them to pasture and hedgerow. In either case the flow-ers which grow naturally will depend upon the soil type whether it is dry, acidic sand or a scraping of thin soil over chalk bed, or clay, or 6ft of fertile loam.

In principle, the poorer the soil the better, for either kind of meadow. If the land is very rich and full of humus and nutrients, coarse grasses will get the upper hand at the expense of flowers. Wild gardening rather than native meadow gardening may be better here, using competitive exotics put out to grass — things like hardy geraniums, bistort, peonies and golden rod.

If you have rich soil and want a star-spangled native meadow of poppies, corn marigolds, scabious and yellow rattle, then it is better to take off the top soil - sell it if needs be - and to plant on to the hungrier

There are two ways of establishing meadows. Either spray out all the existing vegetation to make a with a proprietary mixture of



Wild flowers planted in a meadow may take some time to establish themselves and self-seed, but they will create a splendid effect

flowers and uncompetitive grasses. Or plant plugs (small plantlets) of flowering perennials into suitable existing turf, to self-sow. You can buy plugs or raise them yourself. Scattering bought seed perennials into established turf is known to be unsuccessful, but installing a number of small plants,

to seed themselves, does work gradually. If you are making a meadow of dense turf and naturalised perennials but are starting from bare soil and from seed, it is worth adding in the colourful annuals like poppies and corn cockle to flower in the first year or two. They will disappear as

the turf becomes dense, and there may be a green gap of a year or two until the perennials start to flower. Meadows rich in colourful annu-

als are generally the result of grazing, where animal hoofs open up bare soil in which the annual seeds can germinate. This effect can be partially achieved by vigorous

harrowing or scarification in au-tumn. But such meadows look pretty bald and thin on grass if you look at them closely, even though they may seem green enough from a distance. They are no replacement for a hard-used lawn and work best when placed at a



- EASY PERENNIALS

 Ox-cyc daisy
 (Leucanthemum vulgar
 Meadow cranesbill
- (Geranium pratense)

 ☐ Musk mallow
- (Malva moschata)

 ☐ Yellow ranle
 (Rhinanthus minor)
- ☐ Bird's foot trefoil
- (Lotus corniculatus)

 Kidney vetch
 (Anthyllis vulneraria)

 Lady's bedstraw
 (Galium verum)
- ☐ Greater knapweed (Centaurea scahiosa)
- ☐ Field scabious Knautia arrensis) ☐ Wild carret



Field poppy

- ENSY ANNUALS

 Field poppy
 (Papaver rhoeas)

 Rough poppy
 (Papaver hybridum)

 Corn flower
- (Centaurea cyanus
- ☐ Corn cockie (Agrostemma githago) Com marigold
- (Chrysanthemum segetum)

 □ Forget-me-not
 (Mvosotis arvensis)
- ☐ Core chamomile (Anthemis arvensis)
- ☐ Pheasants eye
- (Adonis annua) ☐ Corn buttercup
- (Ranunculus arvensis) ☐ Wild pansy
 (Viola tricolor)

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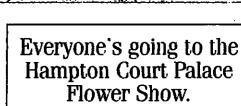
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The television 'Lifestyle' guru takes Jane Owen on a natural beauty tour

ME AND MY GARDEN: LIZ EARLE

he spiky forms of aloes dotted about the to health and beauty guru Liz Earle's belief in the potency of plants; she snips bits off the plants to heal burns of any kind. She also swears by plant extracts for relieving puffy eyes and dark circles: an infusion of lavender flowers and mint leaves cooled in the fridge and then applied on cotton wool to the eyes. "It is so nice that some of the old folklore about plant remedies is being proved by science," she says.

These plants and many more can be seen in the kitchen backdrop to her television series, Liz Earle's Lifestyle, in which she shares her beauty, gardening and cook-ery secrets, and talks to celebrities about their lifestyles. But there are tiny imperfections in the midst of the designer lines: dead miniature roses and amaryllis dotted about a central cooking area and a huge

conservatory. millions of "Although people come into our house every week when they watch my programme. I leave it as it is. If there are piles of washing in the background, that's that. And, in the garden, there are sometimes children's toys lying about - I don't clear them

away for the cameras." When Earle and her husband, a City banker, arrived in their house in west London there was nothing in the garden apart from some trees. The first thing she did was to install electric uplighters to show off the weeping willows. apple trees and an oak and give a pleasing glow to the

garden at night. Now, a deep border of

pittisporum, deep red peonies senecio, red azaleas, delphiniums, bergenia and purple pom poms of alliums runs along the side of the garden as you look from the house. The apple trees are large enough not to shade the border too seriously and the boundary fencing behind the bed will soon be swathed in evergreen clematis.

A newly installed pergola along the opposite side of the garden is draped with young clematis and wisteria. The fence behind this has some intriguing young cordons which have been made, un-usually, of the pure whitebarked gum tree Eucalyptus parvifolia. This was Earle's idea. At the end of the pergola she plans to make an evergreen arch.

When the deep border looks dull, she visits the local garden centre to buy in bedding - she rarely has time for much sowing from seed. And. to keep up interest for her viewers, she always has to have a new scheme. Her garden is tended regularly by an outside garden company, which did most of the planting. Earle weeds and ties things back. "Although I am not confident

enough to prune," she says. She has just installed a play area enclosed by railway sleepers and softened with coco mulch, for her children Guy, four, and Lily, six (her real name is Amarilys). The children now have space to play and I can keep an eye on them from the house." The area includes a Wendy house and space for a paddling pool

Her next scheme is a "secret garden" at the end of the plot. She is also planning a childyellow and white pansies, safe water feature such as a



ed to make the garden childfriendly, but also colourful and interesting all the year round. A garden gives such a sense of stability. But it takes time and so you have to take a long-term view." Down the side passage a

waist-high planter has been built in brick just outside the kitchen. Here Earle plants parsley, nasturtiums, tarragon and mint just a scissor's reach away from the kitchen where she experiments with herbs and potions for the Naturally Active Skincare products made by her beauty company. Some people think that I sit

in my kitchen and actually make all the beauty products that I sell. I don't think the health and safety people would be very happy about

Earle's yen to garden flourished as a child in her parents' small garden in Portsmouth. A picture of her father, Rear-Admiral David Bawtree, leaning on his spade in the garden, is used in the opening credits of her television programme.

e is a keen gardener although he never had a large garden. He taught me propagation and weeding and gave me an insight into plants. He grew all our vegetables and I used to help him pick things like purple sprouting broccoli, although not a lot of it got back to the house because I used to eat it raw."

Her father would grow pink fir, apple potatoes, asparagus and many other vegetables which were difficult to buy at the time. "And when I got flowers for our wedding, including roses and alstroemerias," Earle says.

"I think it is a privilege to be able to give children some idea about gardening. I used to dig about with a little trowel churning up the soil and my father used to say how helpful I was, although I don't suppose I was. Guy has a little red plastic spade that he uses in the garden and the next step may be to let him have a bit of garden of his own."

Earle's first attempt to enthuse Guy with the joys of gardening was a limited success: "He sowed some Bizzie Lizzie seeds, then sat looking at them for an hour wondering when they were going to come through. Then he gave up.

◆ Liz Earle's Lifestyle will be screened by ITV from June 24 at 2.20pm (regions may vary).



Liz Earle with Lily and Guy in the children's play area

WEEKEND TIPS

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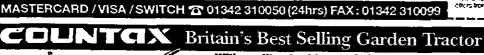
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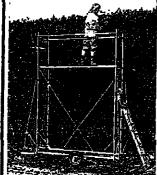


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Ginny Dougary, converting a Thirties semi, encounters (and survives) a Nineties nightmare

Days of snags and ladders

verse. Moroccan kas-bab. Sikh chic or Greek chic, Zen elegance, in-dustrial bit-of-rough, Shaker simplicity, a thousand shades of white on white, heritage ochre and dried blood or, per-haps, something more vibrant and Mediterranean . . . the problem is, I want them all.

The books, the magazines and, now, the television series, ever addictive, are not nelpful, offering an ever more bewildering and seductive menu of looks and themes to transform your home. What busy people need is less choice, which is why I came to use an interior designer.

We bought our house after a decade of living in the wide open spaces of America and Australia. Outside, it looked like a bog-standard Thirties semi. Inside, the previous owners had transformed it into a Tardis: the dingy Aunty Nora hallway leading into an open-plan living room, all light and glass, which overlooked a proper-sized garden. What a liberation after the suffocating uniformity of all The Victorian terraces we had seen, with their double fireplaces and knicker blinds.

The Tardis remained untouched for four years. But as our two small boys got bigger and my husband down-sized his job to spend more time at home, it was clear that we needed more space. We opted to convert our garage into a children's playroom and our attic into a parent's playroom. That was the easy bit. Between our decision and the builders moving in, nations rose and empires fell, Liam Gallagher graduated from the lower-fifth to world superstandom, and Britain's cows went mad.

The months turned into years as the municipal planers did their unhelpful best. t was only on our third application that we were, finally, given the go-ahead. Since we were not intending to bastardise the exterior of the house — no plastic front doors or Gothic turrets for us - we were baffled by the intransigence of the planners.

Each rejection meant we had to shell out more money to the architect, as he struggled to read the planners' minds, while re-drafting his designs. The hapless homeowner is in a no-win situation. The process is like a sort of bureaucratic reverse Russian Roulette, where each application is shot down until, one day, for no discernible reason you suddenly strike lucky.

n the initial weeks, the work progressed suspiciously smoothly. Our builder, Martin, recommended by friends, was in danger of giving the trade a good name. Most of his men were so very merry they had us in constant convulsions of laughter. For anyone who is new to

this game, the sheer number of men who pass through your house is amazing. To build and decorate a small room appears to require the workforce of a Hollywood feature film. And the credits are equally interminable: Dave "Sparks", the electrician; JP, the chippy: Reckless Rod, the lugubrious plumber, Jim Tosh", the painter, aka Gentleman Jim on account of his gerfect manners; George and Mark. The Spreads, wizard plastering brothers; Staircase Tony, the master craftsman: Les and Smudge, the roofers; Craig the Muscle, who moonlights as The Lobster Mobster at children's parties.

Before the work had even started, there were bubbles of



KEY to the conversion team: 1 Ginny Dougary. 2 Bruce, the architect. 3 Les, roofer. 4 "Reckless Rod", the plumber. 5 Ana, interior designer. 6 "Staircase" Tony. 7 Tom "Smudge", roofer. 8 Martin, the building team boss. 9 Jo 90, chippie's mate. 10 Dave "Sparks", the electrician. 11 JP,

chippie. 12 "Gentleman Jim", the painter. 13 Kevin, the floorer (no connection to Barry Bullshit)



Bang goes the garage - to make way for a playroom

tension below the calm surface. To keep costs down, we had decided to pay Bruce, the architect, purely for his designs (fabulous) and his ability to sweet-talk the planners (not so fabulous). The problem with this cut-price service is that the usual hostility between architects and builders is likely to escalate into a fullscale war. You, the employer, are left in the tricky position of having to decide whose judg-

The staircase, leading up to the new attic room, was a major point of contest. Martin was convinced that Bruce had got his sums wrong. Bruce listened to his anxieties with an expression of frozen politeness on his face. Tony, the master craftsman, sucked away at his cigs, and declared that he could pull it off.

take a week, but three weeks

absurd rising out of such a narrow corridor. It was Ana, the interior ment you trust more. designer, who saved the day. It is astonishing what a difference you can make with a felt pen and a little imagination.

looked horribly bulky and

She elbowed Tony aside (no mean feat, since she is a mere slip of a thing and he is the size of Robbie Coltrane) and got to work. In a few seconds, and with a few deft strokes, she had transformed the monolithic monstrosity into a Gaudi-esque thing of beauty. The job was supposed to

later it was still nowhere near Ana had been roped into our completion. Every morning. renovations because I was so Martin would greet us with a impressed with what she had face like death and the words. done to her own home. We thought it would be mutually "I've been having sleepless nights about the staircase". advantageous: I would benefit from her terrific eve for colour Soon we were all having sleepless nights. The evening and texture, and she could find when Tony had finally inout whether she would like to stalled the wretched thing was progress from her design the worst of all. It fitted but course to become a fully-

> ecause of our combined lack of experience and contacts, it was often a case of the blind leading the blind with the difference that Ana could see what was "meant". and I could not. A great deal of time was (pleasantly) wasted in the pursuit of the look we were after. I wanted to go the whole fashion-victim hog: limed floors and coir. Moroccan blue in the lavatory and

> zinc in the kitchen. But never

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was a would-be victim so thwarted.

Coir is that nubbly, knotty, ropey stuff which looks a bit as though you've smeared soggv Shreddies all over your floors. I love it. But could I persuade anyone who stocked it to supply it? No. Peter Jones said it had a policy of not fitting it to stairs because it can become dangerously slippy. Or it can develop unsightly sags. And it is murder to clean. I tried at least three other local carpet fitters and they all tried to talk me out of buying it. We now have a wool carnet which looks cunningly like coir, but is three times as expensive.

Every building story has a nightmare. Ours was called Barry. Barry Bullshit, as he is known in our household, is a smooth-talking wood specialist who knows a hundred different ways to lime a floor, but doesn't have a clue about



'Martin, our builder, was in danger of giving the trade a good name'

how to lay one. Unfortunately, we discovered this vital fact only after we had paid him for the wood and he'd ripped up half the house.

The first eruption came when Barry tried to shift the blame on to Martin. "Don't put words in my mouth... mate," Martin said, stonyfaced. Never has "mate" sounded less matey. Barry practically begged to be sacked — a sure sign that he wasn't up to the job — and Martin stepped into the breach. The drama turned into a farce when, predictably, we discovered that we hadn't been left enough wood to complete the job. My husband, accompanied by Martin, turned up at Barry's brand new showroom to pick up the remaining planks, and Mr Bullshit attempted, unsuccessfully, to charge for the wood. A spirited exchange ensued... "Are you threatening me?" (Barry); "No. I'm just saying if you don't want me in your shop, I'll step outside," (Martin); "So you wanna fight?" (Barry); "All right, then," (Martin)... and ended by Barry calling the police. Our side departed as two police cars, sirens wailing, careered down the road. I had no idea that renovating could

be so exciting.

No one tells you that when you start extending your house, you end by redecorating the lot. The Tardis is now a deeply tasteful oddity, with its parchment walls, recessed lighting and pale oak floors. Gentleman Jim has become a permanent fixture. Ana and I are still friends, but the experience made her realise that she wasn't cut out to dream up schemes for other people. So she's bought herself a new big house to play with, and Mar-



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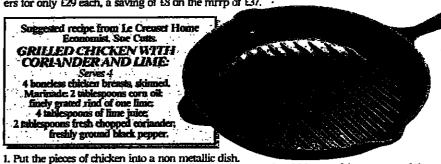


cottage with a rear garden, in a sought-after village adjoining open countryside. Two bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room and countryside. Two bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining rockitchen. About £59,950 (Andrew Jeffery, 01208 73298).



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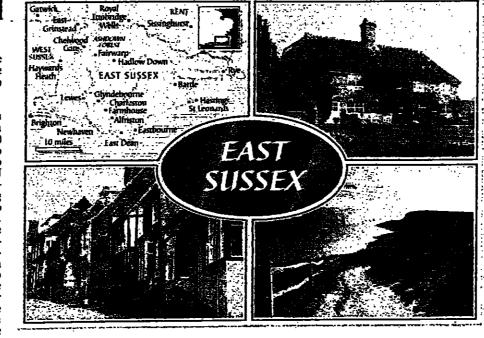
seemingly never-ending catalogue of the delights of the county, once home to Rudyard Kipling: Glyndebourne: the gardens at Sissinghurst: Charleston Farmhouse, near ewes, once host to Vanessa Bell and members of the Bloomsbury Group. Areas within ten miles of Hayward's Heath over the border are sought after by commuters. Villages in the South Downs between Eastbourne and Lewes are also in demand, such as Alfriston and East Dean, as are Fairwarp and Chelwood Gate, on the fringes of the Ashdown Forest. Good access to Gatwick, but many bemoan the lack of decent road links.

The market hot in prime areas, says Strutt & Parker. which now has 40 per cent more buyers on its books than at the end of 1988. Knight Frank has 300 applicants for ust over 25 properties. Prices have risen by up to 20 per cent in the past year, says Humberts in Lewes, and the market

Attractions: agents present a is driven by the London ripple effect. Prices fell heavily in the middle of 1989, some by up to 50 per cent.

Expect to pay: between E175,000 to E275,000 for a cottage; £300,000 to £475,000 for a farmhouse with one to five acres; £400,000 to £450,000 for a medium-sized country house. The big Georgian manor houses are going for anything from £750,000 to £1 million, says Knight Frank. Prices depend heavily on the commutability. Greatest de-mand is for four to fivebedroom country houses, with one to five acres at £300,000 to £600,000, Cluttons says. More than 75 per cent of buyers over the past two years have come from outside the area, Strutt & Parker says, and many are cash buyers from London. often with City bonuses.

Major sales: contracts were exchanged earlier this month on Crowpits (pictured above right), a 17th-century Grade II listed property with 20 acres.



in Hadlow Down, southwest of Wadhurst. After four weeks the market for about £400,000, the property went to best and final offers, going for somewhere between £550,000

Outlook: East Sussex is increasingly seen as a new Surrey according to Humberts, which reckons that prices will continue to rise apace, by about 10 per cent a year, but adds that supply will improve. Strutt & Parker anticipates a better balance between supply and demand and a less artificial market.

AMANDA LOOSE

Well Hall has a 13th-century cloistered dining room and a headless ghost but it still makes an appealing family home

All's well that ends well

'ell Hall does not let go so easily. At least two nearby and the presowners, Liz and Geoffrey Dodsworth, do not plan to move far. "It possesses you," Mrs Dodsworth says. "I find it hard to leave, even for a few days."

Mr and Mrs Dodsworth are not sentimentalists. Mr Dodsworth is an international banker and shipping consultant who used to run his own merchant bank. Both have a sense of history and an appreciation that, as Mr Dodsworth puts it, "you are only passing through a property like this".

The Grade I listed hall, in the North Yorkshire village of Well. near Bedale, dates from the 13th century. The village, the site of a Roman encampment, is mentioned in the Domesday Book. For 400 years, from the mid-14th century, the hall was the site of a hospital before substantial Georgian additions were made, and it was used, variously, as a school, farmhouse and private home. The house has connections with the Cecil family of Burghley House, the Nevilles of Middleham Castle, the Latimers of Snape Castle, and Catherine Parr. the sixth wife of Henry VIII. In this century, the Duke of Kent danced around the drawing room.

If all that does not tickle your historical fancy, the house comes with a headless knight. "He's very friendly." Mrs Dodsworth says. "I've never seen him but a woman in the village, who babysat here in the Fifties and Sixties, says she always felt a friendly presence."

The hall's most astonishing feature - and one for which its mellow, rose and wisteria-covered exterior least prepares — is the 13thcentury dining room. Technically an "undercroft", this stone-vaulted room — four bays divided by three sandstone pillars — stretches the width of the house and is rare in secular buildings. Imagine dining

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Well Hall, Well, Bedale North Yorkshire ● Guide price: £650,000, including two-bedroom cottage. ◆ Travel: from Northallerton (20) minutes away), London is two hours and 20 minutes by train. Six miles to A1, 35 minutes to Teeside Airport ● Shopping: village post office but no shop, though milk and meat can be delivered. Excellent

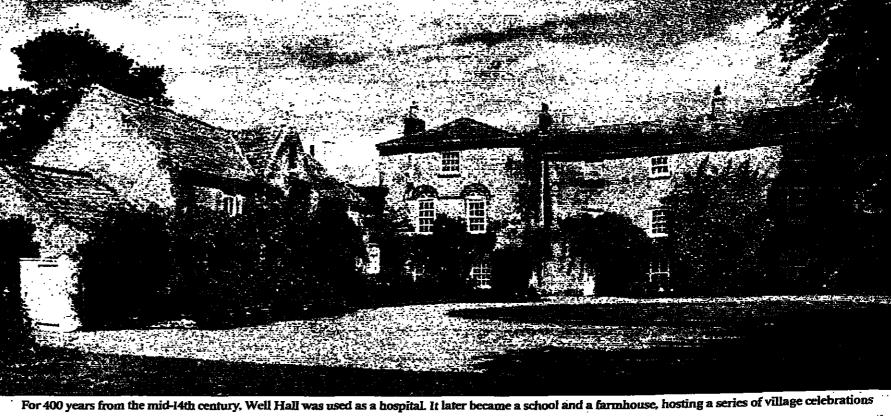
butchers, fishmonger and delicatessen in nearby Masham and Snape. Ripon (eight miles) and Northallerton (14 miles) are good market towns, with supermarkets. Harrogate (20 miles) and York (35 miles) offer upmarket shops and antique boutiques.

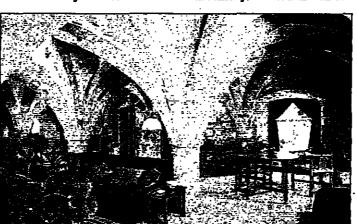
 Schools: abundance of private and state schools within 35 miles. including Ripon Grammar, Harrogate Grammar, Ampleforth College, The Mount and

 Entertainment: hunting with Bedale and Vale of York, racing at Catterick, York, Thirsk and Ripon. Village quoits, plus village cricket at Masham, Theatres in Richmond, York and Leeds.

in the vaulted cloisters or crypt of a cathedral or abbey and you have the picture. Only a Philistine could beneath those arches and not feel the weight and wonder of the previous 700 years. It was sufficient, in 1983, to

persuade the Dodsworths to move 200 miles from Hertfordshire, with their two children. "We wanted to bring them up in a more settled environment, in the 'real' country," they say. Mr Dodsworth continued to commute occasionally to London which, at two hours and 20 minutes, was only one hour longer than his previous journey and, as he points out, with all the added benefits of village life, the North





The cloistered dining room and the tower of the church next door, which overlooks the garden

York moors and excellent riding country right on his doorstep. The house has stabling for six horses, tack room, hay loft, paddock and a five-acre field, and is conveniently placed for the Bedale and Vale of York hunts.

Although the house is big — three reception rooms, five bedrooms, three bathrooms, dressing room, upstairs sitting room, breakfast room and attic, all none smaller than IIft by I0ft - it does not feel grand or formal. Comfortable is the word. This is possibly something to do with low ceilings, beams, plain walls (no walls are even, so wallpaper is tricky) and generous window seats. As an indication of

size, the York stone-flagged hall can comfortably take a grand piano and the village Christmas carol singers, while the dining room has sat 80 people at separate tables.

The hall is well suited to entertaining. As the cen-tral house of the village, the Dodsworths have opened their home to the VE-Day celebrations, harvest suppers, musical and charity evenings. It is not a compulsory duty of the owners. Mr Dodsworth says, "but it's a nice house and we like to share it. We feel it belongs to the village". The rooms are not showily dec-

orated. Except for the children's

bedrooms, the Dodsworths have chosen simple, neutral colours, the better to show off the architecturalfeatures. In the sitting room, for example, there is a fine, carved oak fire surround which the cognoscenti will note is made by Thomson of nearby Kilburn (a running mouse is the Thomson trademark).

In the more formal drawing room. the Georgian cornicing has been picked out in delicate gold and yellow. The gold and black marble fireplace is an eye-catcher (though Mrs Dodsworth says it is difficult to match with curtains). Roll back the carpet and you can create an instant mini ballroom, with the sprung wooden floor on which the

ESTABLISHED 1872

Duke of Kent did his turn. A frequent visitor to the area - he married the former Katherine Worsley from nearby Hovingham Hall - he was also an acquaintance of the previous owner, Dame Margot Smith.

The grandest room, apart from the dining room, is the master bedroom. In here, one could play rounders and not damage the furniture. The windows are medieval copies in original medieval casements, while the walls are covered in a bold, William Morrisstyle print (plasterboard solved the problem of uneven walls).

The top-floor children's bedrooms are vast, though tangerine walls are not perhaps to everyone's taste. From here, on a clear day, you can see 20 miles over to the North York moors.

Even the indefatigable Dodsworths ran out of steam when they reached this high, however. A 41ft attic room, stretching the width of the house and with original timbered and lettered roof joists, is still awaiting inspiration. A penthouse

suite? A studio? A train set? Despite, or rather because of its size, the house has a number of practical features. The central heating, for example, is divided into five separate zones; there are three telephone lines and 16 extensions: and there are enough cupboards and wardrobes embedded in the deep walls to satisfy the most

fastidious of butlers and housekeepers. Teenagers can be shut away in the "snug" - a room accessible only via a staircase out of the kirchen — and left to do their own thing. Punk-painted walls, a bank of electric sockets and a row of empty champagne bottles perched along the roof beam indicate that the Dodsworth juniors (now flown

the nest) did just that. This is not a house for the lazy, unless lazy with servants. (The adjoining two-bedroom cottage, which Mr Dodsworth uses as his office, could be used for live-in staff.) The two-acre grounds include a heated swimming pool. tennis court (in need of attention). barn, paddock, stabling, well stocked kitchen garden, fruit trees, terrace and walled garden. Set in the corner of the latter is a timberframed summerhouse, where the

With the distant cooing of wood pigeons, the call of an owl and the church clock chimes drifting over the adjoining churchyard wall, it is almost too perfect.

Later, as I drove away towards the hot and sticky Al, dreaming of a dip in the swimming pool, I realised that I had left behind some important files. I turned back. It's true: Well Hall does not let go

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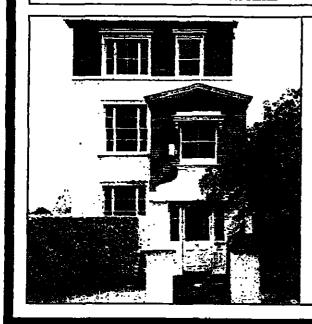
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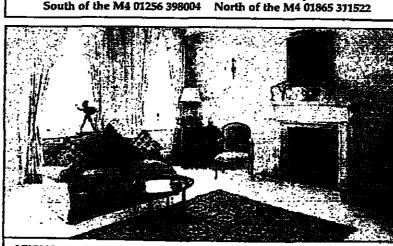
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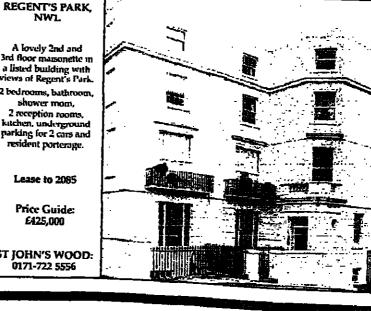
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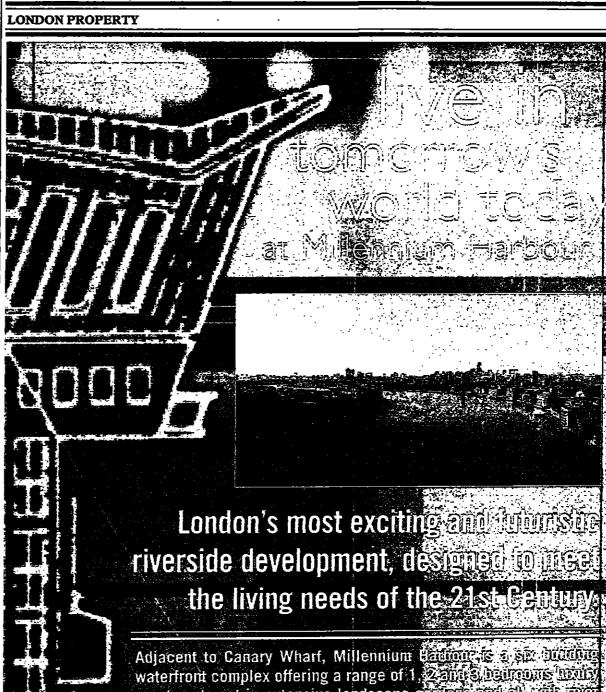
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Recent stories of commission rates of 1.25 or even 1 per cent are not uncommon, though the standard rate is 2 to 2.5 per cent. One southwest London agent cites the case of a desperate competitor who offered to sell a house for nothing. simply to be able to get his board up in the street.

So should you be seduced by lower fees when you are instructing an agent? After all, it could be argued, it's a sellers' market: buyers are thick on the ground and an offer might easily be secured with a handful of telephone calls if the price is realistic. Sounds like picnic time for estate agents, even on a slim-line fee.

Most agents, unsurprisingly, kick back against this scenario, on the grounds that making a quick sale is one thing, but doing the best for your client, the vendor, is quite another. Getting the best price involves considerable work, commitment and resources, they protest, and if you cut your margin too drastically you simply don't have

those resources to draw on. We're all reluctant to admit that we cut fees, but of course everybody does, says one long-established country agent. We're selling a service so we have to charge market rates. But agents will look at a property and make a judgment based on how much they want it. and whether it will be hard work to sell. If it is a miserable place and too much is being asked, they won't

Think twice before using

estate agents who offer cut-price

fees, says

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be prepared to bend on fees. If it is gorgeous, most of us will start thinking. What can I do to ensure I get the instruction rather than

The negotiable margin depends to some extent on the value of the property: the agent will find it easier to justify charging 1.5 per cent on a £1 million house than a E100,000 flat. It also depends on stock levels; taking on any instruction is more significant if an agent is short of places to sell.

onathan Harvey of Friend & Falcke points out that too many agents are now competing. "It's the small agents and the newcomers who cut their fee to get the turn-over," he says. Established agents, while they may shift by up to, say, 0.5 per cent, will walk away rather than play the feeslashing game in earnest.

The market is somewhat quieter since the election." Ivor Dickinson of Douglas & Gordon says, "but before May agents would take on the houses at 0.25 per cent. Inexperienced newcomers tend to be the worst: not only do they have low overheads, but they also don't pay for quality staff or good marketing."

Reputable companies regard them as cowboys and on the whole they are not making enough to survive in the long term. "I've seen lots of agents come and go; they thought they were being clever by reducing their fees, but they don't have the resources to do the job in the end," Philip Green of Goldschmidt & Howland says. Nonetheless, such behaviour sets an uncomfortable precedent for the



industry as a whole, and encourages sellers to focus on fee levels rather than other important considerations when choosing an agent.

But why should vendors complain at stiff competition among agents if their house is under offer in the end? Many would argue that it's a matter of horses for courses; after all, how can any meaningful comparison be made between what one agent achieves with a property (assuming he gets the asking price), and what another might have got if he had been given the instruction?

The bottom line is that agents except those slashing their fees drastically and therefore selling themselves on that fact - do not want to be judged on the grounds of what they charge, but on service and success. "There's a difference between the vendor taking the commission into account and making it the catalyst for the sale," Simon Banks of Friend & Falcke's Barnes office says.

Sellers are paying extra commission, in effect, for the agent to make the effort to get punters through the door and thereby establish a de-mand-led price. If I charge the standard 2 per cerit on a place, I won't just sell to the first people I get in: I'll send out particulars to 100 people, show 30 people round.

WHILE there may well be an element of flexibility on estate agents' fees, don't allow this to dictate your choice. An agent who earns you an extra 5 per cent on your house price has more than earned the extra 0.5 per cent commission. The following considerations are of equal if not

more importance: Go to the right kind of agent for your property type; they will be more familiar with local market movements and recent comparable transactions. They

get three or four offers and sell it for £220,000 instead of £200,000," Mr

Dickinson says.

Decent marketing — which costs

is one element of that process. It can vary enormously: promotion may range from two sides of blurry photocopied details, up to glossy prochures and advertisements in the local and national press. For upmarket properties, where marketing costs can be high, agents may be flexible on how much advertising they will cover in fees. Conrad Payne of Cluttons' Canterbury office says: "The usual fee would include local colour adverts and some contribution towards a

TIPS ON FEES

will also have the right kinds of buyers on their books. Keep your eyes open for personal recommendations. Some agents (Goldschmidt & Howland, in Hampstead, for instance) will put you in touch with satisfied clients to talk to. ■ Always get three or four valuations.

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appears ridiculous. Some agents will overvalue by as much as 10 per cent to get an instruction, and have to reduce the price when it oesn't sell. Find out about marketing and

advertising plans. Where will your property appear, and who will pick up the bill?

■ Use your instinct Does this agent seem professional, energetic, well organised, committed? Do you like them? If agents can't market themselves how will they do a good job on your house?

good supply of good potential buyers already on tap. And it is in their interest, as well as the vendor's, to ensure that interested parties are "hot applicants" buyers in a position to close a deal promptly. Peter Rollings of Foxtons ives the example of a maisonette in Earls Court which exchanged with his firm for more than £300,000 within 48 hours, after six weeks unsold with a competitor. We expect to get good prices

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tions, though in a fast-moving market that can be a challenge. Multiple agency arrangements where several agents compete and the winner takes the full commission - are more common in London. The line is that the vendor pays well to ensure the best possible price, but it is a controversial system. David Froggatt of Jackson Stops & Staff, in Burford, argues that it can work against vendor and agent. "If a sale is on a sole or joint split-fee basis then the agent knows he'll definitely get a fee and will use his best endeavours to get a good price. If he's one of, say, four, and only the one who

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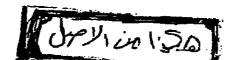
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All I want is a house somewhere, far away from the cold night air - with log walls, a turf roof - oh, wouldn't it be lover-ly

ere we go again. Another crazy idea born our of a romantic notion: a brainwave so fanciful that at first I hardly dared share it with you. However, since the matter of rural housing is going to become increasingly pressing over the next decade if the expanding population is to be housed, if one has an idea one feels duty bound to share it, as the Prince of Wales might say. is not the only problem with rural housing development the fact that few people, other than proud new owners, like the look of the resulting homes?

Whenever such developments are hinted at it is the same cry we hear: "Blots on the landscape, despoiler of the views, rapists of the rural scene." After all, few would object to a genuine increase in a permanently dwelling and wage-carning rural population: one that brings with it families who support shops, local industries, schools, public transport. No, it is the houses which are the problem.

Most of these developments are designed to suit the strained budgets of young, local couples (all the decent houses having escalated in value beyond their grasp because of the influences of retirement money, weekenders and

Why I pine for a little log cabin down to a price, the design enhancements are the first to go. That is when the

cry goes up: "We don't want Brookside

on our doorstep."

So let me tell you about a modest housing development in an idyllic site, much gazed upon by locals and tourists, and about which no word of criticism has ever been raised. In fact, a lot of people don't even notice it. The reason is simple: it is a log cabin. It is built out of planks and logs of fir, and to prevent the wicked winter gales removing the roof, that has been clad with growing turf. The roof is as lush as a meadow.

The little house stands in a prominent position on the tip of a Scottish island, seen daily by uncomplaining crowds of tourists crumming the inter-island ferry or strolling the promenade of the tourist resort across the water. From a distance, it is invisible; from close up, picturesque. It just nestles there, as innocent and as unoffensive as a flint wall in Norfolk, or a

mellow stone cottage in the Cotswolds. It fits in, and would fit in anyvhere, because there

is no part of its exterior which is not in harmony with its setting. And it is not because this is a forested island, but because the colours and textures of log cabin, loch and landscape blend. So they would in any rural setting, for the same reason that the browns and greens of

waxed jackets dissolve so easily into the background of the forests and fields. Of course, it is easy to fall in love with silly ideas of building log cabins when one is filled with bracing Highland air and malt whisky. But on sober reflection, perhaps the log cabin as a dwelling does

DOWN TO EARTH



Think how timber built houses have been, and still are.

providing sophisti-cated and enduring housing in the northern hemisphere. grows in abundance. In Britain, we have little tradition of timber housing, though we once embraced oak as the ideal wood with which to build

the frames to support large and heavy roofs. But now a fashion is emerging for houses built like barns, but of green, unseasoned oak; beautiful creations, though hardly the starter homes which rural areas are being pressed to supply. We need simpler log houses. In case anyone should think that

live under a pile of logs is in any way patronising. I might add that the humble log cabin I visited (imported from Finland 15 years ago) feels more like a home than many of the piles of bricks flung up these days in the name of houses, and that I immediately wanted to move in, permanently. It is bliss. From a practical point of view, a log

cabin is cheap to heat (being naturally well insulated). cool in summer, needs no interior or exterior decoration and, if you get fed up with it, you can dismantle it and move it, or have the bonfire of a lifetime.

To spread these wonderful dwellings we would need - as well as enlightened planning, the rarest commodity of all timber to build with. There will be those who blanch at the thought of any more gloomy pine forests spreading dark shadows across the uplands. But accepting that there is no gain without pain, it

done by skilfully managed pine forests would be less in the long run than that done by extractions of clay and gravel to feed the brick and concrete industries.

There is also an opportunity here for enterprise: the committed would have no difficulty building their own houses, thus reducing the cost of home ownership even further. Or kits might provide a middle way. If you are now thinking that I have gone completely over the top and am advocating a population housed in dog kennels. I would remind you how beloved the postwar prefabs became: you

do not have to live grandly to be happy. But from my glimpse of log-cabin living, it would be a grand life in another way. The peace which a cocoon of wood bestows upon its inhabitants is well known; we droot at the cottage with its exposed wooden beams and swoon at the sight of the half-timbered house. The log cabin, preferably with a roof sprouting daisies and dandelions, surely represents the ultimate both in timbered therapy and in supplying a form of rural housing to which the least number of people could possibly object.

Give me three good reasons why not,

Readers' letters are welcome on countryside matters, of all kinds. Address them to: Paul Heiney, Weekend. The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. They are published on the first Saturday of the month.



Ursula Broughton, a retired biologist, and her colleague Brian Wright found this healthy elm at Pebmarsh, in northeast Essex. They believe "genetic resistance and isolation" saved it

Join the great elm hunt

eaders of The Times are invited to take part in a nationwide search for a tree that many of us assumed was no longer there: the elm. It seems that even the tree-aware among us have for years walked past mature, surviving elms and, like the South Sea islanders who did not "see" Captain Cook's ship because it was beyond their experience, simply marked them down as some other species.

However, naturalists and local authority tree officers now know that a small number of elms survived the devastation of Dutch elm disease (one was recently identified in Hampshire next to a public footpath). They suspect that some of the trees may be disease-resistant, and the conservationist's ambition to restock the countryside with this once abundant tree, from cuttings taken off these "super" elms, is not so outrageous.

In a survey carried out this the Conservation spring, the Conservation Foundation located dozens of mature, healthy elms. Ursula Broughton, a retired biologist, and her colleague Brian Wright found the elm in our photograph near Pebmarsh, in northeast Essex, about two miles north of the Colchester to Cambridge Road. Miss Broughton believes

this tree and its neighbour. both elm clones peculiar to Essex and about 70 years old. may have immunity to Dutch elm disease. I think they survived through a combination of things, including genetic resistance and isolation." she says. "And after that first enormous wave of deaths. trees that didn't succumb immediately had a better chance of survival."

David Shreeve, the director of the Conservation Foundation, whose elm programme is part funded by Ford, believes there may be many more previously unnoticed elms in the countryside. He asks readers to send details of possible sightings, with OS grid reference, any other relevant local information and some leaves for identification by the founDutch elm disease did not kill all our elms. Now conservationists want help to find mature survivors - and to plant more. Gareth Huw Davies reports

dation's consultant. Dr Javne Armstrong of Glasgow Univ-

Last week a tree surgeon working for the foundation took the first cuttings, green shoots about 6in long, from elms in East Anglia. They were sent to a tree nursery in Bedfordshire, where they will be nurtured in a mix of bark

After a year's growth, the foundation will offer the cut-tings to schools, industry and local authorities close to where they were taken so that they can be grown in an environment to which they belong. It will also offer cuttings to individuals, perhaps people who had elms on their property, who would be willing to monitor the growing trees over the 15 to 20 years it will take before they can be pre-

sumed safe from infection. By any reckoning, the loss of the elm from the landscape was an ecological catastrophe. The elm, with its regional diversity of somewhat unkempt profiles, is a famous feature in landscape, history and culture. The English elm. in outline billowing like a



Past splendour. The Elm Walk, by William Grylls Addison

thundercloud, was a characteristic tree of southern England, the quintessential subject for the pastoral painter

Elm was widely planted in hedgerows, its foliage cut for animal feed and its durable wood was used for water pipes and furniture. Elm litters the gazetteer: there are 17 place names derived from the tree in the Oxford Dictionary of

Place Names. Dutch elm disease was the ecological equivalent of the neutron bomb, the propertyfriendly weapon that was meant to kill people but leave buildings standing. The disease killed 25 million elms of different species, and left the landscape woefully diminished to those who had known it, yet intact to any visitor who

Dutch elm disease - so called because of research into it by scientists in the Nether-- is a fungal scourge spread by two types of bark elm beetle. There have been two pandemics this century. The first, between 1920 and

had never seen it before.

around Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, in 1965, is still advancing, albeit at a slower rate, in northern Britain. A strict policy of felling and destroying infected trees has saved the elm in a few enclaves, notably Brighton and Hove in West Sussex. At first, it seemed that the

elms might recover naturally, by growing up again as suck-ers from the millions of intact roots left after infected trees were felled. However, the disease has a particularly malevolent capability. It did not pass over when all the large elms were killed. Instead, the beetles reappeared to re-infest and invariably kill the suckers when they reached 20ft, be-

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1940, killed up to 40 per cent of

the elms in Britain and

Europe. The second involved a

far more virulent form of the fungus. It is believed to have

originated in Moldova in

about 1940, from where it was

introduced to North America.

Its entry into Britain in the

1960s was an avoidable trage-

dy: it was imported in the

arboreal version of coals to

The disease, first noted

Newcastle: imported elm.

already guaranteed a future in Britain. The disease-resistant Sapporo Autumn Gold, one of a number of hybrids developed by Profes-sor Eugene Smalley of Wisconsin University, came from an elm at Hokkaido University in Japan. Thousands of these have been planted under the "Elm across Europe" pro-gramme, launched by the

This cycle of re-growth and re-

infection is likely to continue

until the disease dies out

naturally, or a way is found to

Scientists are researching a

promising control mecha-

nism, the so-called d-factor,

with a view to its possible

release into the environment.

The d-factor is a naturally

occurring virus-like agent

with the potential to reduce

greatly the fungus's aggres-

siveness. It may have played a

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Study of the possible genetic

manipulation of the English

elm is also well advanced.

although any resulting dis-

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Although the tree thrives here, it is a decorative, parkland alien — one arboriculturalist described it as "that Japanese weed" - which could never rise comfortably out of

the English hedgerow.

Conservation Foundation in

"So we think it is time to move on," Mr Shreeve says. "If we can get a cutting to grow from an elm that has survived in the area, it will be a wonderful thing. However, this is an experiment and we won't know the results for a generation. All of these elms we are finding may be freaks of nature and the cuttings we take from them may eventually succumb. But it is worth a try."

Where the curlews call

FEATHER REPORT

AN ENGLISH birdwatcher wandering through the farm lanes of lowland Scotland might feel, at first, that he was still in the countryside around London. I was thinking just that last week while I was in some rich farming country west of Edinburgh. All the birds I had been watching a week or two before were there though a little further on

now in their breeding cycle. Whitethroats were every where, singing and scolding in the hedges, and I saw my first fledgling whitethroat of the year — a dumpy, fluffy version of its parents, begging for food with an open beak from one of them as it sat on a a dead twig in a hawthorn. Yellowhammers were also common in the hedges, and I watched a female strip some bark from a bush for its second-brood nest.

However, little differences soon began to declare themselves. I came up to a farm where the air was suddenly full of swallows. Others were sitting on telephone wires or the roofs of farm buildings, and I would guess that at least ten pairs were nesting in the barns around. As a rule you do not see such concentrations in the Home Counties now which can only be due, I think. to the steady disappearance of the old barns in the South. I watched one swallow singing on a wire. All the time that it was making its sweet twitterings, its beak remained closed. but at the end of each phrase it produced a harsh, grating note and then its beak opened in a snarl.

I went past a hayfield which must have been cut for silage recently, and where a new crop of grass was already springing up. Here there were numerous swallows flying low, picking up flies. There was also an enormous flock of rooks. Dozens were lined up on top of a fence, and scores more were foraging among the new grass. There was a tremendous racket of caws and flurry of black wings when they saw me, but they



Curlews in Scotland

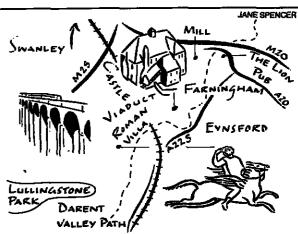
soon settled down again. A British Trust for Ornithology survey has just revealed that rooks have increased by almost 40 per cent in Britain since 1975 - except, notably, in southeast England, I was cer-tainly confronted with the prosperity of Scottish rooks in

this hayfield in East Lothian. The real Scottish pleasures were still awaiting me. A loud piping call rang out above my head, and two ovstercatchers dropped down into the field. Nowadays oystercatchers are breeding a long way from the sea, and these two fine blackand-white waders seemed per fectly at home as they prodded about among the grass with

their long red beaks. I lifted my field glasses to scan the far end of the field, where it rose in a long slope. Two even larger birds were walking there - a pair of curlews. They flew up, making their bell-like "coorlee, coorlee" calls. A moment later they were coming back from the horizon, the male leading, gliding on curved wings and singing his glorious trilling song. I felt I was in Scotland

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sward when she was three years old. Historic interest: Captain Bligh owned a large house not 100 yards away. And Dickens is said to have stayed in the Lion

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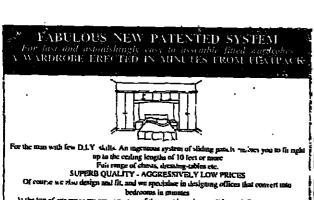
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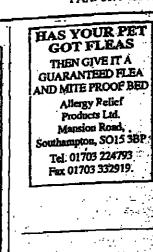
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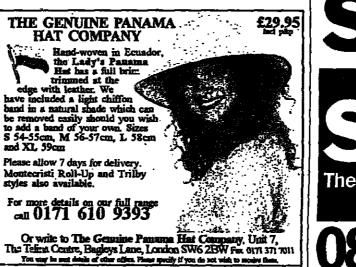
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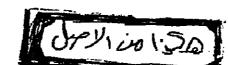
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of the above, I felt for a few heady moments like the player I shall never be. The invitation was to spend the afternoon at Windmill Hill Place, the tennis and golf academy in Sussex, hitting a few balls with Jana Novotna from the Czech Republic. She is the world's number three woman player, seeded No 3 for Wimbledon next week. It was irresistible. Tall. blonde Novotna is one of the most easygoing and likeable of players. Nubody will forget her 1993 Wimbledon final against Steffi Graf. when she snatched defeat from the jaws of victory and then shed tears on the consoling shoulder of the

Duchess of Kent, In that emotionally charged match. Novotna had taken the second set 6-1. She led 4-1 and 40-30 in the third, when she double-faulted and within 15 minutes lost the set to Graf by 4-6. With our classic British fondness for the underdog we loved her all the more in her distress. She said she felt better for showing her feelings and that is the kind of person she is.

There is no other sport, says Charles Swallow of the Vanderbilt Racquet Club, in which the gulf between a top professional and the average player is as great as in tennis. No club player can expect to take a single point off a Wimbledon seed. So it is a test of character when a top player agrees to conValerie Grove enjoys many

happy returns with Jana Novotna

front rank amateurs. Think how boring it would be to play catch with a butter-lingered two-year-old - not for ten minutes but two hours: well, that is what Novotna cheerfully did last Sunday.

There were hundreds of us: the Windmill Hill guests taking tennis courses, the crowd of children who had joined the Cliff Richard tennis trail in Brighton (many quite new to the game) and four of us female hacks just decent enough to get by in our local clubs. When we arrived Novotna was

already out on court, and so was Monica Seles, practising intensive-ly with their coaches. Above, a per-fect English summer sky; beyond. the strains of a juzz festival from Herstmonceux Castle across the valley. After a fortifying spritzer at the poolside bar. I ventured down the sloping greensward leading to the ten grass courts to be warmed up by the resident quaches, dab hands at making one feel good. The event was Prince-sponsored, so we all had to abandon our shabby old Heads, Wilsons etc and sample the new elongated-head Prince rackets.

Then Pat Perry of Prince handed me another racket: "This is the one Jana will be playing with at Wimbledon this year. It won't be distributed here for a while yet, but you can try it." It was quite different from anything I have ever felt - to hold, to swing and to hit with: light as marshmallow and fantastically sure. It is called a Thunderlite, with a "Sweet Spot Suspension System"

New racket technology is said to have transformed the women's game and this one certainly transformed mine. So by the time my turn came to hit against Novotna wielding her identical racket — I had no problem getting the ball back, even when returning her serve. But then, she was hitting the ball in my direction, and the serve was a kinder version of the one we shall see next week.

Fact: the better your opponent, the better you play. You uncon-sciously mimic the movements of the superior player. You get into a positive mental groove. Years ago I watched Gabriela Sabatini playing an exhibition match and afterwards was so intent on imitating her impressively powerful backhand that I gave myself tennis elbow which crippled me for a year.

ovotna was all encouragement and optimism. 'Go on, run!" she shouted. "Go for it! Move forward into your forehand, don't retreat! Yeah!" After the individual coaching session we had a game of donkey: dozens of us lining up to hit three shots back and forth to Novotna, then running off. It was exhilarating and fun.

Novotna always comes to Windmill Hill to practise before Eastbourne and Wimbledon. "After Paris, this is heaven," she said. gesturing to the green panorama of the South Downs all around us.

The setting at Windmill Hill Place was indeed perfect. But I would take on Novotna anywhere - Centre Court, perhaps? - as long as I can use her racket again.



Hill Place: Novotna, above, consoled by the Duchess of Kent after losing Wimbledon in 1993

Eyes on the ball: Valerie Grove, left, plays a forehand drive to Jana Novotna, right, at Windmill

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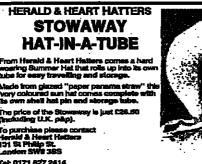
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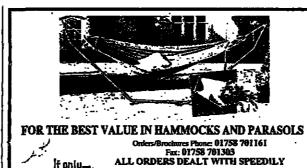


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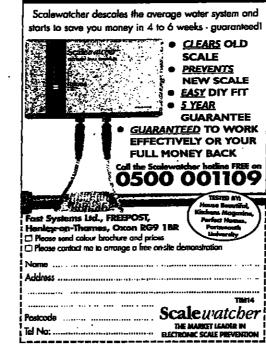
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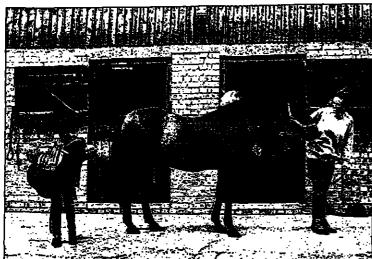






When buying a pony, don't forget the hidden costs in time and upkeep, says Carolyn Henderson

The reality of my little pony



Ponies cost £500-£1,500 with another £300-£750 for tack, plus livery

our daughter is begging you to buy her a pony and you don't know a fetlock from a wither. She — and it usually is a she, as girls catch ponymania more frequently than boys - tells you it won't cost much to keep and that she knows how to look after it.

You don't need much horse sense to work out that things are not that simple and, for most parents the first question will be whether they can afford it. This should really be the second consideration, because before you work out the finances, you have to decide whether your child is ready for the responsibility.

"We often get parents asking if their children should have ponies," says Julian Marczak, executive officer of the Association of British Riding Schools. "Usually, we say no — in our experience, children lose out if their riding is restricted to one pony at an early stage." As a

rough guide, he believes that children need two 'You've got years of at least one lesson a week at an ABRSto be fussy approved school before about a first they are ready. If parents have no experience of pony as it's horses, he puts the mini-mum age for owning a pony at around ten. the one that Lynn Russell, a horse

builds the dealer, agrees, and adds the warning that parents foundations have got to become involved. "A child can't be of your solely responsible for an animal. Even the smallest child's pony is a strong animal with a mind of its own; it's riding' not like looking after a gerbil, there are so many things like shoeing. worming and correct feeding to take

into account. "People decide to buy ponies for the wrong reasons. The worst one is that they or their neighbours have got a field and want a pony to put in it. When people tell me that, I tell them to go away and find out more about

Many riding schools run "own a pony" courses where children learn how to look after and handle a pony safely. At Cobham Manor Riding Centre, near Maidstone, Kent, a day course costs £22: Julian Marczak is thinking of running similar days for parents.

Cobham Manor also organises

share schemes where families have exclusive use of suitable school ponies for part of the week. Owner Julie Brumer says costs average out at £25 per week including expenses such as feed, shoes and worming. "It means that the pony is looked after properly and gets enough work, and there is always someone for the parents to ask if they don't know what to do," she says.

When the time is right, a first pony can cost anything between £500 and £1.500 and its tack and equipment will add another £300-£750, depending on whether you buy new or second-hand.

A genuinely reliable first pony is actually priceless and many are never advertised: word goes round the local horsey community that they have been outgrown and they find new homes via the grapevine. Sometimes ponies are offered for

loan. In this case, a written contract covering all aspects of the pony's care protect both sides. Relying on informal agreements is a sure way to misunder-standings and spoilt

If this is your first venture, keep the pony at a good riding school or livery yard so you have emergency back-up. "We have ponies here on working livery, where their use is shared between the owners and the school," Mr Marczak says. "It means they get sufficient exercise under proper supervision and are looked after properly. If you do this, you must have a tight, written

agreement." Purchase prices pale into insignificance alongside running costs. Work-

ing livery will be upwards of £25 per week, while if you go it alone, renting grazing and stabling averages £10-£25 per week depending on facilities. Shoeing and worming average £35 and £8 respectively every six weeks. Ask a specialist horse vet to check

over a prospective purchase. Vetting, which is a sort of equine MoT, will cost £100-£150 but could save you the heartbreak of finding that the pony has an eye defect or similar problem that makes it unsafe to ride. It is also sensible to insure against veterinary



Nicola Harrison and Bear. A child should be at least ten to own a pony if parents have no horse experience

fees — if the worst happens and the pony needs an operation or expensive diagnostic treatment, the costs could run into thousands and will be the same whether it is a family pony or a top competition horse.

Expert advice on potential purchases can help you to avoid some of the pitfalls. "Don't buy a pony which is too big in the hope that your child will grow into it," Ms Russell says. "It's more likely that she won't be able to ride it comfortably or safely and you'll get problems.

"You've got to be very fussy about a first pony because it's the one that builds the foundations of your child's future riding."

Lesley Harrison knows just how difficult it is to find the ideal first be prepared to do this. pony, but Bear is the genuine article. Kind-natured and willing, he is now ridden by seven-year-old Nicola having previously been outgrown by

year-old Karen. ear was advertised locally, but Mrs Harrison feels that he is an exception: "The best ponies are rarely advertised they get sold by word of mouth." She says she would always be happier if she could have a pony on loan for a month before buying it, to

make sure that it was suitable, but

Mrs Harrison's middle daughter, 13-

realises that some sellers would not

She also says that while a first pony must be quiet and friendly, you have to accept that no pony can be perfect all the time: "You see ponies advertised as 'bombproof' and there's no such thing. It could get stung by a bee, anything could happen. You have to be realistic.

 Carolyn Henderson is the author of The Parents' Pony Book (J.A. Allen, £9.95) and How To Buy The Right Horse (Swan Hill Press, £14.95).

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Mad dogs and Englishmen

It's not just humans who need

suncare - pets are also at risk

how animals manage in the heat of summer. Would Blackie, a nine-yearold cat who has spent the whole of her snoozing life in the sunniest spots she can find.

come to any harm?

If Blackie is as her name suggests, she has a built in sunscreen — black fur and skin. Animals with coloured coats and dark skins do not need to worry about sunburn. White cats, or multicoloured cats with white ears, can suffer severe sunburn on the tips of their ears. Suncreams for humans can be applied on the white, hairless areas to keep the sun at bay.

A few cattle and sheep have

a peculiar sensitivity to sunlight and develop an acute dermatitis on their white patches. The skin is acutely inflamed and then shrivels and falls away, looking like sub-standard leather. White pigs living outdoors can be badly sunburnt and many pigfarmers provide a wallowing hole for their stock. A large hole filled with water allows pigs to anoint themselves with a natural, barrier cream mud, glorious mud.

All animals enjoy warmth, so long as there's not too much of it, but overheating is dangerous and can be lethal.

Everyone must have seen a car carrying a rear-window sticker "Dogs die in hot cars". They do. And being cooked alive must be one of the worst deaths imaginable. We lose heat by perspiration but dogs hardly perspire at all. There are only a few sweat glands on their tongues and between the toes. Panting is the way they lose heat.

Radiation is the other way. Hot dogs lie flat out with their turnmy exposed so radiant heat can leave the hairless surface. (Conversely if a dog, cat or any other furry animal

have had a letter asking feels cold they curl into a ball, so the smallest possible surface area is exposed.)

When a dog pants, hot air is puffed out, cold air breathed in. But a dog confined in a hot box — above 92F (33.3C) — breathes in air not much cooler than that breathed out. The body heat generated by being alive cannot be dispersed, so his temperature rises. Crisis level is about 105F (40.5C). Heat stroke occurs. vital organs suffer irreversible

damage and the dog will die. I will never forget doing a post-mortem on a boxer dog, pulled from a hot car. His temperature was (112F) and it was too hot to leave my (gloved) hand inside his chest. Don't leave a dog in a car in the sun for more than five minutes.

If you see someone else's dog collapse after being pulled out of a hot car, cool him down as soon as possible. Get him to a vet, of course, but cold water -via hose pipe or bucket - or ice cubes on his feet and face. plus as much cold air as possible, can make the difference between life and death.

ver-heating and heat-stroke affect other animals - hamsters, gerbils and rabbits in metal cages in a sunny window can find themselves in a solar oven with no way out. Close the curtains or move the cage early in the morning before going out.

The water in a goldfish bowl in a south-facing window will get very hot and there is a limited surface area to the water. Hot water and still air means lack of oxygen and in extreme cases this will kill the fish. It's worth putting a proper fish tank - and an air pump — on the goldlish's Christmas present list.



Pigs living outdoors are at risk of being badly sunburnt



ADOPT ME

HOLLY (left) is a nine-year-old black and white cocker spaniel who is so small she still looks looks like a puppy. She is outgoing and affectionate and would make a good companion for a single person, or a couple without children or other pets as she prefers a quieter environment and likes to be the centre of attention.

She has a pancreatic disorder which means she needs a special diet and medication for the rest of her life. This has not slowed her down and she is active for her age, enjoying games and walks. The charity is willing to help Holly's new owner with the cost of her

Sheba (right) is a good-natured, ten-year-old black crossbreed who is active for her age. She has been a much loved pet but her former owner has become unable to look after her. She would suit a peaceful household without children where she can have lots of fuss.

For both Holly and Sheba, contact Wood Green Animal Shelters. Kings Bush Farm, London Road. Godmanchester, bridgeshire (01480 830014).



When we bought Gemma — our cocker spaniel puppy six weeks ago one eye was weep ing. The breeder told us a speck of sawdust bedding had got into her eye and it would clear up in a few days. But it didn't and now the vet tells us it's an entropion. The eyelid is curling inwards and Gemma will need an operation. He also says it's inherited. Gemma's perfect in every other way and already an important part of the family, but we do feel we've been "sold a pup" and the breeder should pay for the operation. He denies any liability, because he says we accepted she had a bad eye when we bought her, Who's right?

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on. Kennel Club rules forbid showing a dog that has had surgery which alters its conformation. I think the least the breeder should do is pay for the operation and you could talk to the Trading Standards Department, or your own solicitor. I hope you won't have to look for Gemma's successor for at least 14 years, but when the time comes consider asking your vet to examine her before you sign a cheque and fall in love with a puppy.

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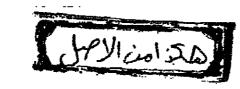
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'A friend's child on a school excursion was caught with his pockets full of frog spawn. David Bellamy's got a lot to answer for

another revelation; the pursuit of A another reveration are personal the perfect secondary school for our nine-year-old son continues, and we seem to be no closer to making a decision. This one had acres and acres of playing fields and relies of its illustrious history doned around an incongruously modern building. As we were walking past yet another portrait of a famous old boy, I asked what was clearly a baffling question: do parents play an active role in the school? Our charming and informative guide was nonplussed. "Er. no," he said. "We don't have a PTA or anything

of that sort, if that's what you mean."

Well, of course they don't. The whole deal about paying a fortune for your child's education, I suppose, is that you can heave a huge sigh of relief and leave the teachers to get on with it. A good state school, in contrast, it is fair to say, would not be able to flourish without huge support and involvement from the parents. Quite apart from the usual fundraising activities of summer fètes and quiz nights, "promises" auctions and sponsored runs, the parents at our boys' school offer their services in all sorts of

Swap a guilt trip for a school trip unflashy but significant ways: running after-school French clubs, special reading and maths groups, or simply accompanying their children's class to

Since my husband gave up full-time work he has become more involved in the school, which means that at least one of us isn't going around feeling twitchy about not pulling our weight. A few terms ago I decided it was high time for me to swap my guilt trip for a school trip, and informed "Miss" that I would like to be teacher's little helper for the day. I hadn't been on a school bus since I

was in a gym slip long, long ago; for all the customary high-spiritedness of my son's classmates, they were a great deal better behaved than we were at my rather posh girls' school.

The naughty ones in the back row used to belt out awful songs by Dave Dee, Dozy. Beaky, Mick and Titch at the tops of our voices, or make terrifying Marty

Feldman faces at the divers who had the misfortune to draw up behind us, or brandish our ties like

feather boas in a mock striptease, or waggle rude fingers at pedestrians and duck down when they looked up. More muck de la muck creme. The small boys and girls of class 5JM, in comparison, were

as meek as the orphans in Oliver Twist. Perhaps they were getting into the spirit of things since we were heading for the Charles Dickens Museum. This expedition, it must be said, was something of a nightmare for the school trip novice. It had the frantic burlesque

LIFE AND SOUL



GINNY DOUGARY

marched my eight children from room to room, trying to tionnaires in record time — "Look in the cabinet. Can you identify any objects to tell you whether Charles Dickens was a smoker?" -- before the next group came in. The bright pupils were impatient to complete the next set

questions. It made me realise, with an uncomfortable jolt, what an extremely tricky balancing act teaching in a mixed-

of answers, while some of the less able

children could barely understand the

ability school must be. My husband is now such an old hand

at school trips that they're in danger of becoming his new hobby. They certainly seem to provide him with a rich source of anicdotal material.

There was the David Cronenberg ynaccology-horror experience at St Chomas's old operating theatre, with its rous of historical abortion equipment which, the children were informed, used to kill the mothers as often as the hieruses. He managed not to pass out during the "show", but one of his ashenfaced charges threw up all over the from

Then there was the trip to Isabella Plantation in Richmond Park which started on a lovely sunny day and ended in a downpour. The teacher got lost and half the class were caught by the park ranger attempting to steal newts from the stream. A friend's child on an excursion from another school was caught with his pockets full of trog spawn. David Bellamy's got a lot to answer for

volunteers accompanying trips to are galleries than is strictly necessary. My flushami went with the older son's class to the National Cartery and came back saying that he would never forget the sight of 30 fidgening. Phillishing time-yearolds stilled and entranced by a secturer who had the gift to bring Turner's Rain.

Steam and Speed so vividly to life. So he was readly quite put out when I nabbed a seat on the sty-year-old's coach to the Courtauld Institute. It was a wonderful day. The children were grawn into seeing the world through the eyes of Monet and Ceanne by their firm but

imaginative guide. Afterwards, we crossed the Strand in a crocodile, at the most dangerous traffic lights in London, for them to paint their own mini Masters of The Thames Below Westminster.

Whoever would have thought that the National Curriculum's worthy-sounding topic for this term -- Water -- could be so captivating? Now that I've become a school tripper. I guess my busband and I are in competition. Next time, we'll just have to ioss a coin.

Children? It's not an issue

Couples who choose to remain

childless still feel they have to justify their decision. Jill Parkin reports

Telling

friends

ysette Butler had something to tell her husband Barry when they decided to get married. "I said, 'Yes I want to marry you, but I definitely don't want children'. And he said, 'I want you, not the children"."

When you're knee-deep in bits of primary-coloured plastic and exhausted, you look at people who have weekend lieins and grown-up holidays and think "lucky blighters". But most of us still can't imagine why anyone would choose not to breed.

A couple who decide not to procreate are flying in the face they enjoy and feel that childof convention. But

for them, the wordis childfree not childless. And they suspect it's the word "free" which really annoys the est of us

was like Lysette, a nurse manager for a gynaecology unit Hey I'm a in a large district hospital, says: "The weirdo' idea that being childfree is somehow selfish makes

no sense. I think it's rooted in envy. They realise that in gaining children they have lost something else from their lifestyle and relationship.

"It annoys me when people ask why I bothered to marry. I got married because I loved Barry. We both wanted the commitment of marriage, but I can't remember a time I ever wanted children." Lysette, who is 36, admits that pressure from friends and family has been unsettling.

They all assume you're going to change your mind. I did sometimes think, What if everyone's right and I do change my mind?" I waited for it to happen, but it never did." When medical reasons made hysterectomy an option two years ago, she was re-

Barry, 39, a shop manager, had never thought about children until deciding to get married. "It's a choice and people should be allowed to make it without being deemed abnormal. Instead of asking people

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why they don't want children. we should ask people to think more about why they do. Lysette and I have great freedom of movement. We can pack up and go any time we're both free. We won't grow apart like some couples whose children have left home."

Lysette and Barry, who live in Romford, Essex, both like children, which is not unusual for people who decide not to have their own. Julia Cole, a Relate counsellor and spokeswoman, says the decision is not often to do with disliking children. "It's usually a lifestyle thing. They have a life

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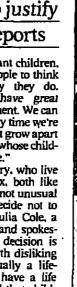
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group, called the British Org-anisation of Non-Parents (BON). One of its aims is to

parenthood". as 'exhausting, time-consum-

into parenthood. It almost happened to Alison Ingram and David Rhodes, who live in Barwick, near Leeds. When they mar-ried they linked their surnames with a hyphen so that any children would carry both

'Hey! I'm a weirdo'," David says. "Like most people, we



ren would change it too much. It's actually quite a brave decision, because people are often pressured by family and friends

"We tend think: 'So what is that relationship Childfree couples demand that we see their relationship as not about making a

ship. That is enough." Surprisingly for people you would think would be too busy having a good time, the childfree have a support

"challenge the social tendency to glorify and romanticise The group says bringing up children should be recognised

ing, difficult and expensive' and that too many people drift

names. Yet only a few years later the Ingram-Rhodes told family and friends they had decided not to have children.

"It was a bit like saying:

assumed we just would, one And I couldn't paint and handle a baby at the same time. Of course I think about day. It was only when I'd been for a drink with a friend whose marriage was in trouble, and being old and maybe lonely. but that's the wrong reason for who felt she should never have had a child (then two years having children."

about the alternative."

want to live with them. I

old), that we thought seriously The couple have two dogs, two cats and two guinea pigs, but Alison insists they are not lison, who is a wildchild substitutes. By the year life artist, had been 2000, 20 per cent of women are an animal-loving litpredicted not to have children. Ltle girl, a tomboy If Alison's wrong, pet figures who didn't want dolls and didn't play mummy and baby games. "We discussed it for

are set to soar. David, 33, a sales manager in a technology training busiabout a year before making the decision," Alison says. "We ness, gets that sinking feeling every time another friend tells were very happy together and him of an imminent baby. "I think 'Oh, god, I've lost another one'. The friendship didn't need to have children. It would change our relationship dramatically. I like children in changes. They can't wait for small doses but I wouldn't you to have babies so you can all sit down together and talk about them. People don't like wouldn't have the patience.

non-conformity of any kind. It

makes them nervous. Like most men. I was reluctant to give up my job to have children, but perhaps unlike most men saw absolutely no reason why I should expect my wife to do so. David, who quotes the old joke about liking children but not being able to eat a whole one, is scathing about people who delegate their children to nannies and boarding schools.

"What's the point of having children if you have no intention of spending time with them?" he says. "I would say this was lazy parenting. If you can't make the whole commitment, then don't play with half measures. Not when children are involved. It just isn't fair." Root Cartwright, who runs BON, had a vasectomy at the

age of 33, four years before he met his nartner, a doctor. He's now 47 and she's 45. "I didn't want children and I laid my cards on the table straight away," says Root, whose nickname goes back to schooldays and has nothing to do with the

fact that he's a gardener. "Many people find that difficult. They've been married eight or ten years and then they find one of them doesn't want children. I want to say to them: 'For heaven's sake. Why haven't you discussed it? Do you just talk about football and shopping all day? But they're victims of the assumption that everyone wants to have children.

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the winner of a Cow & Gate haby competition." Ken Clarke presenting the budget, watched by his wife Gillian, "her hair in a neat bun, looked on with the resigned despair of one whose husband is always burning the toast" and John Redwood, "not in fact a human being at all but a Vulcan recently landed from the planet of the same name". Neither is the Government spared, "What, then is new Labour," asks Parris? "Tony Blair has discovered what other Socialtsis have missed. That a Tory speech goes down well in Britain. He therefore gave one."

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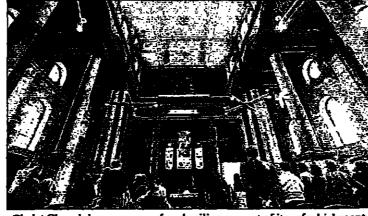
THE CHURCH was partly obscured by scaffolding and cha-os descended briefly as a battered car burst into flames opposite the portico,

The multi-racial and youthful congregation, towing children in their wake, straggled into morning communion past the flashing blue lights and small crowd of onlookers. A few yards away Spitalfields Sunday morning mar-ket bustled on as usual, oblivious to

church and fire. Had this beautiful building been in the West End of London, the world would by now have been aware of its plight. Nicholas Hawksmoor's baroque masterpiece would have long-since been restored, and would be paraded by our embassies across the world as an example of English history and conservation at

But instead, for decades, Christ Church has languished, neglected, in the heart of the Muslim East End of London, visibly crumbling yet somehow managing to stand erect, shunned by the community around it. The parish went elsewhere to worship, while the crypt was opened as a rehabilitation centre for homeless alcoholics.

Now, thanks to the tireless efforts of its Friends organisation, the resurrection of Christ Church is in sight. The parish has returned to the church, made safe by the Friends with new roof and ceiling. More money is needed but a £500,000 grant from English Heritage, a £2.44 million grant from the Heri-Lottery Fund, plus other



Christ Church bas a new roof and ceiling as part of its refurbishment

donations, means the church will in a few years be returned to its original grandeur. In the meantime, we sat on plastic chairs on rush

We were visiting during the annual Spitalfields Festival, which continues until June 25 with lunchtime and evening concerts, including African dance. Our service was less exotic - Rite A Holy Communion from the 1980 Alternative Service Book. But the charismatic evangelical leanings of the rector and his congregation, with raised hands, occasional whisperings and spontaneous prayers added colour.

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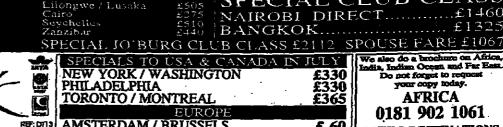
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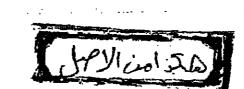
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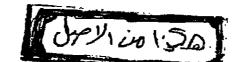
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southern Louisiana there is no firm line between land and sea. The Gulf of Mexico seeps into the coastal marsh and swells into saltwater bayous. The wettest region is the Atchafalaya Basin, the Cajun heartland in the southwestern part of the state, where moss-festooned bald cypresses stand in gloomy swamps, gigantic alli-gators lurk beneath the purple water hyacinth and the bayous are banked with high levees to protect against floods. Beyond the Atchafalaya the prairies start. The principal Cajun city is Lafayette.

Cajuns are descended from the French settlers of 17th-century Nova Scotia, a colony they named Acadia, from akade, the Miemac Inidan word for "plenty". Acadia was ceded to Britain in the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713. The inhabitants were asked to swear allegiance to Queen Anne and to renounce Catholicism. They refused. Forty years of tension led to Le Grand Dérangement of 1755 when the Acadians were driven off their land and into exile.

Some went back to France, some to the French Caribbean islands, and some arrived in the French colony of Louisiana just as it was handed over to Spain in 1766. The Spanish government, keen to settle the western frontier of its nev colony, granted the Acadians the uninhabited land around the Atchafalaya, where they learnt to harvest the natural bounty of the swamps and marshes. They grew rice and raised cattle on the prairies.

For generations they shied away from larger political affairs, enjoying a life of relative isolation. While the rest of America became homogenised, the Cajuns stood aloofly back, clinging to the French language and their own way of doing things.

The discovery of oil in southwest Louisiana brought the outside world crashing in. In 1916 a federal education policy forbade the speaking of French in school playgrounds. "Cajun" became a slur, denoting a backward peasant out of step with the progressive age. Acadian culture was systematically neglected in the hope

that it would disappear. In the 1960s things began to change. The surge of interest in regional American music that brought blues and bluegrass to international attention benefited Caiun music as well and musicians such as Dewey Balfa performed at the Newport Folk Festival to criti-

cal and popular acclaim. Down on the bayous, people realised their heritage was worth preserving. In 1968 the state of Louisiana created Codofil, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. The council drew



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■ Tour operators: Premier Holidays (01787 884031) offers a week in New Orleans, including flights, accommodation and car hire from £728 per person, based on two travelling. British Airways Holidays (01293 723121) also has packages to Louisiana.

tours in the Atchafalaya.

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) ends: Old Glory, by Jonathan Raban (Picador £6.99). A Confederacy of Dances, by John Kennedy Toole (Penguin, £6.99). Pelican Guide to Louisiana, by Mary Ann Sternberg (Penguin, £6.99).

attention to another Franco-

phone minority in the same

area - the Creoles, who were

sometimes incorrectly called

Creole is a word with sev-

eral contradictory meanings. Originally it referred to a

French person raised in the New World. Later it came to

mean "of mixed racial de-

scent". In southwestern Loui-

siana, the descendants of gens

du couleur libre (of varying

degrees of African ancestry)

call themselves Creoles. They

arrived later than the Cajuns

throughout the 19th century

and lived peacefully beside

their white neighbours: Geo-

graphical proximity forged cultural similarities, particu-

larly in food and music. The

"black Cajuns".



music is called Zydeco. Today, Cajun and Zydeco music sells over the world; English

country pubs put Cajun dishes

on their menus.

All this outside interest has given the people, formerly so reserved and withdrawn, a taste for self-promotion. It is almost impossible to visit southwestern Louisiana without coming across a festival of some kind. Lafayette seems to have one every weekend. The biggest, Festivals Acadiens, attracts 100,000 visitors each September and celebrates music, food and crafts. Hearing that it was not only the biggest but the best, I drove to Lafayette from New Orleans. Girard Park was already

crowded by 11 o'clock. There were lots of families and old people. Everyone wore hats, gimmy-caps, stetsons or straw sombreros, a few wore soft high-crowned derbies decor-

ated with pheasant feathers.

The Magnolia Sisters are an acoustic trio who sing traditional songs, bleating the lyrics like harmonious goats; old-fashioned waltzes swung dreamily through the heat and stately dancers glided through clouds of dust. File were the next band, playing a faster. more contemporary music, driven by an electric piano. The dancers went crazy. Ca-juns call a dance a fais-do-do. which translates roughly as

looked about to, twirling around in a manic, countrified

Countless other bands performed. A gentle rain fell, turning the dust into mud, but the dancing continued. I bought an alligator sausage sandwich (with more texture than taste) and sheltered

under an oak tree.
There I met D.L. Menard ("the Cajun Hank Williams") who, as well as recording some big hits, makes rockingchairs, or did until a recent fire destroyed his workshop. On stage he has enormous charisma, teasing elegant jazzy runs from his guitar and singing about back doors and honkytonks in a nasal, rueful voice.

"bop till you drop", and many A storm broke and a rainbow appeared and mad, happy people kept spining around in

e mud.

Later I was discussing the festival with a woman who insisted that real Caiun culture is seldom seen by tourists. just as celebrated Cajun dishes like Jambalaya and Crawfish Etouffee represent restaurant cooking more than home cooking. She assured me that a largely unknown aspect of Cajun food still exists and, to prove her point, directed me to the Best Stop Meat Market, in the village of Scott, about three miles out of town, which turned out to be a popular charcuterie offering some un-usual local delicacies. There

and pork but sometimes offal instead of meat (one was a Cajun black pudding); two equivalents of haggis paunce, a stuffed call's stomach, and chaudin, a pig's. There was also tasso, a highly smoked jerky of pork or turkey, used as a seasoning;

sages, most containing rice

scratchings, and fromage de tête, which was brawn, "Tourists don't get to eat this stuff," she told me, "it's not glamorous.' We bought some boudin. some gratons and some beer and drove on to Cankton. where there was supposed to

be a cockfight, a sport still

legal in that part of Louisiana.

l was slightly hesitant but she

birds, spectacular heraldiclooking creatures, all from English bloodlines. The razorsharp spurs that he attaches to gratons, which were pork their feet, he explained, bring a swifter conclusion; without them a fight might drag on for hours. This was not actually a humane consideration "The

real Cajun culture.

As it happened, the cock-

fight was the following eve-

ning, so instead we visited a

breeder who showed me his

Cajuns like to bet." He also kept a pair of catahoulas, the local breed of gundog, like bloodhounds but with brindled coats, webbed feet and blue eyes. I gave them the rest of the gratons.

more fights, the more wagers.



A fiddler at the Acadien festival playing Zydeco, the Creole counterpart to Cajun music. The music festival in Lafayette, Louisiana, attracts 100,000 visitors every year

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America: In Florida, a mix of Nasa and nature is competing with Disney for a share of the tourists...

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seem a terribly subnature-spotting device. The clatter of the fan contraption which powers these mini-hovercraft is so overpowering it is a wonder there is any wildlife waiting to be seen once you have airboated towards it. But this is Florida's Space

Coast, named not after its roomy nature reserves but in honour of the only site in the world to launch rockets to the moon. Its fauna has become used to a few loud bangs. The airboats, which zip nift-

ily over the reedy waters of the St Johns River, are every bit as exhilarating as the white-knuckle rides of the state's celebrated theme parks, 40 miles away in Orlando. Only out here, in nature's playground, there is the added attraction of prehistoric monsters in your path.

Eventually, when you have reached a likely location, the engine is cut and you can take your earphones off. The man with tattoos and aviator sunglasses who brought you here

This year's Space Shuttle timetable is: Columbia, launch July I at 2.37pm, land July 17: Discovery, launch August 7 at 10.39 am. land August 18 at 7.27am; Atlantis, launch September 18 at 1.39am, land September 27; Columbia. launch November 19 at 2.49pm, land December 5. (Satellite rocket launches on July 12 and 22.)

■ The author travelled with the Space Coast Office of Tourism and the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Resort.

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Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Resort (00) 407 783 2271) costs from £71 for a double.

Space Center Visitor Center (001 407 452 2121) is free. The bus

The Astronaut Hall of Fame (001 407 269 6100) costs £6.50 for adults and £4 for

available from the Lone Cabbage Fish Camp (001 407 632 4199) at £8 per person

Space Camp (00) 407 269 6101) costs £450

return of aquatic life. As your first 6ft alligator swims menof birds, from bald eagles to bridled terms, black rails and acingly past, a seat on an airboat platform suddenly beyellow-breasted chats. He gins to feel a little too close to hands around binoculars and nature. Thankfully the "gator. bites" turn out to be lunch. it does not take long for a distant ripple to signal the

Fish Camp, these brown and chewy chunks of alligator tail have been prepared in the same way as the other local specialities, frogs' legs and cat fish: straight out of the river and into crusty batter via the

The Space Coast's mix of Nasa and nature attractions. which include giant turtles nesting from May to August, now compete for a share of the Walt Disney World droves as an alternative base to Orlando, the world's biggest tourist draw. It is just 45 minutes' drive from here to the Magic Kingdom, Epcot and MGM. Cocoa Beach, the Coast's

main town, has restaurants from which to see space shuttie launches, as well as Ron Jon's, a surfers' paradise store with everything from sex wax (it makes your board go faster) to T-shirts and cheap Levis.

There are several seafront hotels and miles of uncrowded sandy beaches, where brown pelicans swoop on to the sea near swimmers. Some visitors may find the pace of life a little slow, however, and the dreary bands which inhabit the hotel bars are best avoided.

The Nasa complex is sited on a huge nature reserve at Cape Kennedy (formerly Cape Canaveral). Here, the Kennedy Space Centre has also taken steps to tempt tourists, installing, lock, stock and console, the Mission Control centre (900 miles away in Texas) where Houston's finest sweated to put men on the moon.

The Apollo/Saturn V Centre brings all the elements of the American lunar programme together. Its centrepiece is a hangar containing one of the superstars of the superpower space race - a 363ft Saturn V rocket. The white giant was saved by the cancellation of the Apollo project after 17 of the 20 planned missions.

door recreates the Mission Control expe rience at the launch of Apollo 8, the first US-manned space mission. As the count-down ends, the room shakes while giant screens carry footage of the launch.

Although this is the nearest many people may come to a blast-off, there is more to the Nasa centre than nostalgia. As you are constantly reminded, this is "a working space port" which has been given a renewed significance by signs of life in a Mars meteorite.

Nasa's bus tour stops for a view of the two launch pads used by space shuttles as well as the huge Vehicle Assembly Building, which houses the five strong shuttle fleet.

By now, even the most enthusiastic may be feeling a little spaced out, so save for Hall of Fame, with its meticulous displays of obscure rocket prototypes and astronauts' school reports.

Next door, junior Buzz Aldrins have an even greater opportunity to indulge the space bug and prove they have The Right Stuff. Space Camp is a residential complex with futuristic cylindrical dormitories where youngsters aged from eight to 13 (three-quarters are usually boys) can go through astronaut training for a week. This involves learning the serious physics of weight-

OUTSIDE the Treasure Island casino in

Las Vegas, the scene is a harbour, circa

1790. The two ships are a buccaneers'

galleon, skull-and-crossboned, and a British man-of-war, HMS Britannia.

The cannon on the British vessel open

fire. Direct hit. The pirates lose a crow's-

nest: Britannia is hit midships. Fires

rage through both vessels, masts tumble,

smoke billows. The British admiral

salutes as the bow slides under the water.

rise from the watery grave. Shattered

masts, torn sails, magically snap back into position. The fires go out. A chorus

of Rule Britannia from hidden loud-

speakers. Then I, and a vast army of

incredulous spectators packing the pave-

Fifteen seconds later, admiral and ship

lessness and survival in space, alligator whose jaws have been taped together. The gift as well as the challenge of shop offers mementoes of the landing a shuttle simulator. Other attractions offered by day ranging from lacquered ed baby reptiles dressed in combine local charm and

The Jungle Adventures animal park entices motorists off Highway 50 with the gaping concrete jaws of Swampy the Giant (which, at 100ft long, must be "the largest constructed alligator in the world"). Visitors are treated to a hand-to-mouth alligator feed-

fearless park attendants. The teased monsters snap their which lurks within. The most rewarding souvejaws at morsels of food, and nir of the Space Coast must there is even a chance to pose for photographs with an infant

be no guarantee that a trip to Florida will include a blast-off. blonde wigs and pearls.

that another present not to buy in Florida is astronaut food. It is tempting to buy a silver bag of freeze-dried fast food with a picture of Neil Armstrong on the front, but friends will not thank you on your return for the unpalatable pizza powder

surely be the spectacular sight

even if one is scheduled. prone to delay. (A recent launch of the space shuttle Atlantis departed seven weeks late because of technical problems and two hurricanes.) However, it is possible to book launch-day seats in advance at the space centre.

of a shuttle launch. There can

Bear in mind, too, that the Kennedy Space Centre is open on landing days and a southerly approach means the shuttle swoops over the top of the visitor centre seconds before touchdown.

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ment outside the casino, drift off to watch a volcano erupt. Outside the Mirage casino, fronted by a waterfall, the volcano smokes and rumbles, the earth trembles. An explosion hurts the ears. A hiss suggests that molten lava has reached the waterfall. End of eruption.

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hundreds of yards long. A blast of trumpets and cowboys blaze away; covered wagons rumble; dancing girls do the can-can: gangsters open up with

submachine guns. Still no charge. Caesar's Palace sports fluted columns, fountains, ornamental gardens and statues of Roman bigwigs. Without spending a single denarius. I sit and watch the "stone" effigies of Bacchus and the lesser gods jerk into life and speak.

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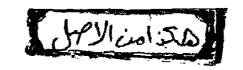
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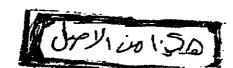
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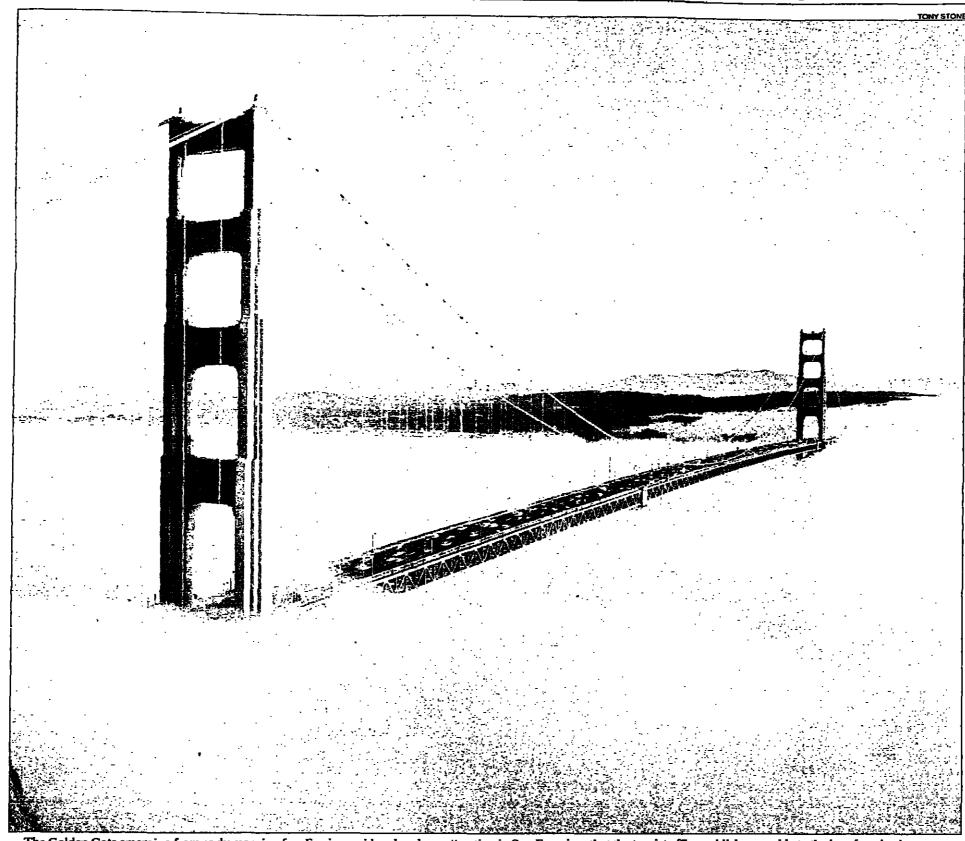


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are of the tourists



while San Francisco still captures visitors' hearts and Washington offers a splendid long weekend



The Golden Gate emerging from early morning fog. Fog is considered such an attraction in San Francisco that the tourist office publishes a guide to the best fog-viewing spots

Golden Gate, golden moments

lor a moment Harry Denton's looming, urthought was a gravel truck tipping its load was Harry's voice. "Sorry," he rasped, gripping my shoulder, screwed up."

Actually, it was not a bad screw-up, just a misunderstanding at the nightclub door about our invitations; but nowhere in the world are bouncers hired for their geniality, and Harry's dark-chinned doormen were tightening their Clint Eastwood lips when, phew, Harry came through like the cavalry. He rounded up our party of out-on-thetown limeys, led us to a good table, called one of his prettiest waitresses to take our drinks order and sent along a chocolate mousse by way of welcome.

Now I am no frequenter of nightclubs, but Harry Denton's Starlight Room was on the itinerary after dinner and we did our duty by it. Only shouting and Harry's gravel could penetrate the dance music, but we were not there to talk and my lady companions sweetly turned down dance offers from bow-tied barracudas. It was enjoyment enough to observe the clientele. the guys, dolls, broads, dames, babes, bimbos, goodtime girls, narcissists and regular San Franciscans having their Saturday night out. to see tuxedos worn with trainers, to watch skin-tight gold lamé tops carving

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ary also operates whereby the Nile cruise takes place first followed by the cruise on the take with the same

places being visited but with 3 nights on the lake and

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tioning and swimming pool. All of the cabins have

4 nights on the Nile.



through the crowd like coalcutters. As with chocolate mousse, you can have too much of a good thing and after half an hour we tore ourselves away from Harry's and went for conversation in a couple of agreeably informal bars. Past midnight, from my hotel room on the 46th floor, I absorbed the spectacle of San Francisco, a cloak of sequins under the stars stretching towards the satiny bay and the hills beyond. Breakfasting at the same window. I watched the Golden Gate Bridge emerging from feathery boas of log, the buildings glowing as the sun rose. San Francisco, a different sort of America, always catches you in its net of charm. Our trip had started south of the city on the Monterey peninsula. As soon as I could, I

headed for one of the wild

beaches, drawing in the early

morning smell of eucalyptus.

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Out San Francisco (Penguin, £9.99).

The beach was not far from Carmel, a small, wealthy, satisfied town of bounques, galleries and gingerbread houses, founded by artists who fled the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. It basks a little in the starlight reflected from its most famous resident and ex-mayor, Clint Eastwood. It is pretty and quiet: the Carmel Pine Cone once left its letters page blank, explaining that no one had written to the editor that week. But the Pine Cone's police report, the Sher-

tions and realities of small town life beneath the dinky exterior. I culled these examples: "A 95-year-old woman reported two lewd phone calls from an unknown male": "A 14-year-old female assured deputies there would be no further problems after she and her mother engaged in argu-

To some extent, the old fishing port of Monterey lives off its John Steinbeck connection, for Steinbeck drew on it for Cannery Row, Tortilla Flat and Sweet Thursday. The principal attraction in town. though, is the brilliant aquarium, one of the best in the world. Naturally, 1 stroked a ray (like stroking a giant, velvety mushroom) and was mesmerised by the sunfish and sharks, the silvery showers of anchovy and sea-nettle jellyfish with arms as frilly as

teinbeck's cannery row died 50 years ago because foolish fishermen all but wiped out the bay's once abundant sardines. But small quantities are returning and some fine fat specimens were served at

> along by six of the vineyard's best wines. There were also some splendid local mushrooms, for people here are as crazy as Russians about mushroomhunting. Ridge looked out over his American Dream valley, the gold and orange rows of vineyards climbing the distant blue slopes. "We have reached," he pronounced. "the

golden age of wine." Only

hard to leave the replica

seashore: no barrier separates

waders and they do not fly

away because, in this protec-

ted environment, they have

never learnt to fear man.

sybarites need apply. was: Doris Day.

After two nights here we transferred to the supreme comfort of the Mandarin like, you can sit in your bath, over San Francisco. I spent ing town and its 43 hills provide just the right amount evocation of the Gold Rush and stagecoach era. I had a Chinatown, paid my respects to Bohemia in Haight-Ashbury, still a good place for painted houses and the mari-

war between the states. The final attempt to patch up a peace between North and South took place at the Willard in 1861. Lincoln stayed in Parlour No 6 in the weeks before his inauguration, paying \$4 a day. It was at the The Vietnam veterans' Willard in 1861 that Julia Ward Howe wrote the words of that stirring anthem of the North, the Battle Hymn of the Republic. These facts are recorded on bronze plaques out-

side the hotel, but there is no

mention that when General

U.S. Grant arrived in Wash-

ington to take command of the

Washington Beltway as the

Residence of Presidents": this

title is accurate, for I met ex-

President George Bush in the

lift. Many of the city sights are in easy walking distance and

you can fit most of them -

from the Capitol to the Viet-

nam Memorial, plus an eve-

ning out in Georgetown - into

a day and a half. That done it

is off to the Civil War battlefields, stopping first at the battlefield of Manassas, 20

The Americans are good at

museums, visitor centres and

historic sites, and Manassas –

or Bull Run - has all three, plus guided tours around this

first buttlefield of the Civil

War, the place where "Stonewall Jackson got his nick-

Just across

Maryland line is the battlefield of Antietam and the Inn

at Buckeystown, a splendid

place to stay filled with Victori-

an antiques and Civil War

battlefield buffs heading for

The battle at Antietam was

the Civil War. Casualties ex-

ceeded 20,000 men but al-

though it was, at best, a draw.

Lincoln chose to declare it a

victory and celebrated the fact

by emancipating the slaves.

This alone gives Antietam a

particular resonance and even

today it is a haunting kind of

place, set in rolling country-

side, seamed with picket

fences and virtually un-

changed since that long day of

The main features of the

battlefield, the tiny Dunker

church that served as a hospi-

tal, the old trenches and scores

of cannon, still stand intact

beside the road and it is

possible to wander about at

will, picking up the events of

the battle from illustrated

story boards set up in the lanes

Independent travellers fall

TREVOR FISHLOCK | into two categories: those who book their accommodation

violence in September, 1862.

Antietam and Gettysburg.

the views from Nob Hill and

rode the ding-ding cable car.

lunched Italian and Mexican

can; and, of course, hardly

scratched the surface of the

place. I had reservations about

visiting Alcatraz. The old jail

is, in its way, a monument to

failure. Indeed, it was closed

34 years ago because it created

"a sinister and vicious atti-

tude" among prisoners and

because it was too expensive.

was the view of the city and the

Golden Gate slowly unveiled

by the fog. In one of the

world's most enjoyable cities,

fog is regarded as an attrac-

tion, so much so that the

tourist office publishes a guide

to the best fog-viewing spots.

When the coastguard wanted

to do away with the famous

old baritone fog horn, public

opinion forced them to retain

it. Sentiment defeated the ac-

countants; so you can still hear

the voice of 'Frisco.

The best part of Alcatraz

miles west of the city.

t may seem strange, but the best place to start a weekend tour of the Civil War battlefields of Virginia is at the historic Willard Hotel, a few blocks from the White House in Washington DC. The Willard is now a luxury hotel, popular with visiting celebrities and local politicians, but in the last century it played a significant role in the

Union armies in March 1864. Extra nights from £35. the Willard refused to give ■ The Willard Hotel can be him a room. booked through Inter-That would not happen today. Nowadays the Willard swarms with the great and the Continental Hotels (0181-847 2277). Double rooms start at good and is known inside the

Capitol sights

and haunting

battlefields

■ Information on The Inn at Buckeystown, the Anticiam Overlook Farm and others from: ndependent linnkeepers Association, Box 150, Marshall MI 49068, USA (001 616 789 0393).

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■ Further information from the Virginia Division of Tourism (0181-651 4743).

Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Washington DC (Fodor's, E6.99); This Hallowed Ground. by Bruce Catton (Cardinal E5.99. Democracy, by Henry Adams (New American Library, £4,95)

ahead and those who risk it. I belong to the latter, but it can get me into trouble, not least with my wife. We should have stopped at the beautiful and romantic Antieram Overlook Farm, a splendid B&B hotel with wooden walls, polished floors, log fires and brass fittings. Instead, we drove back across the Catoctin Mountains, frantically seekng a ruom, and were l across Virginia before we found somewhere to stay.

outh of Washington the Spattlefields continue, at Fredricksburg and Chancellorsville, where Jackson was killed, and around Spotsylvania Courthouse. These fields of slaughter are pretty places today. You could spend a week driving through beautiful Virginia countryside, stopping overnight at delightful inns. We only had a long weekend but we saw a lot.

An early start from Fred-ricksburg had us back in Washington by mid-morning ready for more sightsecing before the flight home. The Air and Space Museum, the National Gallery and the new Holocaust Museum alone could take up a full day. I can't wait to go back.

ROBIN NEILLANDS

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OF

can-can knickers. I found it

The author stayed at the Mandarin Oriental and Highlands Inn, Carmel, on a Best of Both Worlds package, valid until August 31, which costs from £506 for one night at each and ES66 for two nights at each. The price includes deluxe room passes for cable cars and a \$50 [£33] voucher for Silks restaurant at the Mandarin and two tickets to the aquarium, an ocean view and a four-course dinner at the Highlands.

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San Francisco from £459 per person. Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Four Great Novels, by Dashiell Hammett (Picador, E10.99). Golden Gate. by Vikram Seth (Faber, £6.99). Time

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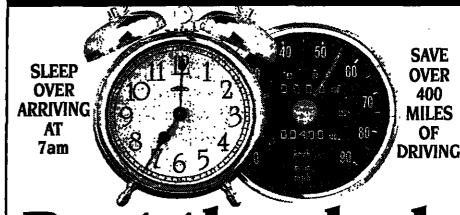
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lunch by Ridge Watson III, the enthusiastic winemaker at the Joullian vinevard in Carmel Valley, With the sardines came crab, grilled quail, roast lamb and fruit tarts helped

> That evening we enjoyed an epicurean treat on the ocean's edge at the luxurious High-lands Inn. near Carmel. The rooms and town houses are built into the hillside and have views of the craggy Big Sur coast, of waves racing into small bays and notches. Out on the balcony the air had a piney fragrance. Inside there was a spa bath for two, bathside candles, a log fire and CD's playing dreamy. seashore music. A bottle of wine was set on a table. But something was missing in this American romantic idyll. And then it dawned on me what it

Oriental Hotel where, if you sip champagne and look out much of my time walking, for San Francisco is a good walkof pain. Being a western buff, I headed for the Wells Fargo museum in Montgomery Street, with its fascinating good long burrow in second-hand bookshops, wandered in beard viewing, enjoyed the time museum, marvelled at

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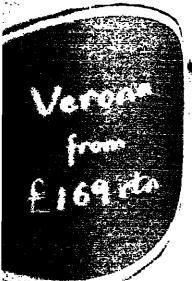


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a lot of effort. However, the residents of Andalusia are not only old masters at this great solemnity. The goal of an Andalusian is to find a comfortable wall, sit on it, fix tourists with a beady gaze, and spend entire afternoons watching the world go by.

The great thing is that nobody is really expected to do anything, so the pace of life is perfect if you are looking to get away from it all. What is more, when they are not sitting on walls. Andalusians are most affable hosts, the most marvellous cooks, and inhabit a spectacular rolling landscape.

Fresh from a long weekend in Madrid, my fiance. Tom. and I first tasted genuine Andalusian hospitality at Cazalla de la Sierra, the fortified, mountain village, on the second leg of our motoring holiday around Andalusia. When we checked in to the hotel, we noticed the oft-tall blonde who had been in our previous hotel. We discovered that Mara. a fellow of Corpus Christi, Oxford, had booked the same holiday as us. Delighted to recognise each other, we arranged to meet for a fino (pale sherry, the local ripple) before dinner.

And what a dinner it was. Prepared and served by the matronly, smiling women who ran the hotel, we enjoyed field mushrooms cooked deliciously with garlic. oil and herbs, punctuated by mouthfuls of local red wine and crusty bread. When we booked the holiday, with breakfast and dinner included, we fully expected to be disappointed with the hotel food, but in Cazalla we went to bed having dined like royals.

Indeed, foodies would find much to delight them on a tour of Andalusia, The mild, wettish cilmate snawns an abundance of fresh, tasty produce, and the local tradition of tapas, where small portions of dishes are served with drinks,



When they are not taking life easy, eyeing tourists with a beady gaze, Andalusians are most affable hosts and most marvellous cooks. Many farm sugar beet in the spectacular rolling countryside

range of local cooking. Seafood is a forte: prawns come baked with cinnamon, garlic and olive oil (a recipe I have copied to the delight of my

The province also makes a wonderful destination for walkers, if the climate is right. We visited at Easter, before the sun was too hot. The scenery bore the fresh, green hues of spring, and the flowers were in bloom. Parades were also in full swing - a colourful, loud carnival atmosphere.

The first stop on our tour of Andalusia's pueblos blancos (white villages) was a twonight stay in a charming whitewashed hotel in Ronda. This town has a terrible yet absorbing and beautiful history. It is divided by a huge gorge, El Tajo, into which, as recounted by Ernest Hemingway in For Whom the Bell Tolls, prisoners were thrown nto the gorge to their deaths.

The gorge is spanned by a beautiful 18th-century bridge. A short walk from this bridge is Spain's first bull ring. On the other side are the narrow, cobbled streets and intricate architecture of the Moorish After our tiring tour, we

were treated at the hotel to a sumptuous, juicy dish of cooked venison with rice. served in the beautifully decorated dining room.

Our third destination, hundreds of miles away, was the hilltop village of Arcos de la

Frontera, with surely the narrowest streets in the world. It sited spectacularly, and visible from miles away.

ere, we bumped into Mara many times during our ings - there is no rhyme or reason to the street layout, but that is part of the charm. Each meeting allowed us to compare notes, and finally arrange a time to meet in the restaurant opposite the hotel. where we were booked in for dinner.

Despite the plaudits posted up outside, the food was dreadful, which took some doing in a place overburdened with fresh produce. The garlic rant opposite the hotel.)

soup was inedible. The main course left us seething. The dessert was laughable - a peeled apple with squeezed cream plonked on top. The service was snooty and mean. We left hungry and angry.

It was no bad thing. We took dinner the next night in the Parador, the state-run luxury hotel on the edge of the main plaza. Mara, Tom and I enjoyed the gourmet menu, a succession of line Andalusian specialities. It allowed us a chance to quiz Mara on her travels as a single woman: she found the driving tiring, but the hotels safe and hospitable. (The tour company inntravel now uses the Parador for dinner rather than the restau-

We are determined to visit again. Ronda provided the culture and history, Cazalla the walking, and Arcos the opportunity to wind down. Two days in each place was We were glad to have "done"

Andalusia after Madrid, too. The capital is a stylish whirlwind of fantastic art galleries. museums and heritage sites. which one feels compelled to race around. Sadly, the Madrilenos are the same. Though stylish, they

are too busy to stop, and ainful of foreigners. The should take a tip from their southern cousins and learn the friendly art of doing nothing.

Anjana Ahuja

ANDALUSIA FACT FILE

■ The author travelled with Inntravel (01653 628862). The White Towns of Andalusia fly-drive package, including return flights to Gibraltar, car hire and six nights' halfboard, start from £534.

■ The Castellana Inter-Continental, Madrid (0345 581444) has double rooms from £65.

The best time to visit is at festival time. Celebrations are held in Easter Week and in early June. Seville holds an enormous, colourful fair every April. Book accommodation well in advance. Late spring is, perhaps, the best time to go; the flora and fauna are at their best, and temperatures are not too high.

recommends: Rough Guide, Andalusia (£9.99); South from Granada, by Gerald Brenan (Penguin, £7.99); A Rose for Winter, by Laurie Lee (Penguin, £4.99); Lazy Days out in Andalucia, (Cadogan, £5.99).

Floating high in the Pyrenees

ad I closed my eyes. I wouldn't have known the balloon was rising, such a steady ascent it made (no sensation of lifting, more the ground sinking away from the basket), and, because I had arrived the night before in darkness, my first proper look at the Segre valley in the Alt Urgell region of the Catalan Pyrenees was from the air. just after dawn on a bright autumn day.

To the north loomed the high summits of Salòria and Monturull, to the south the toothills known as the Sierra del Cadi. The village of Castelleiutat, which runs along the spine of a hill, began to stir, shutters opened and dogs stretched. We looked down at the hotel within the ruins of the castle, the little stone church, the modern barracks. From 3.000ft above, the whole valley — the cottages with their tidy vegetable plots. corners of fields - resembled a toy farm. Rising through the thermals

to change direction, the balloon drifted over woodland. sometimes swooping low enough for us to pick leaves from the upper branches. A black boar rustled away through the undergrowth. For some time we hovered above a sawmill, before landing (rather haphazardly) on the runway of an aerodrome.

Then we returned to the hotel for breakfast. The balloonist ordered a truita, which wasn't a brown trout from the River Segre, but an omelette: the two words are (inexplicably) the same in Catalan. I had pa amb tomaquet: coarse white bread, toasted, rubbed on both sides with a cut tontato, then anointed with light, fruity ofive oil, On top, in this instance, went a sliver of Jabugo ham, although the

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the cows clustered in the balloonist told me that a couple of anchovy fillets would be the more usual garnish.

The Catalans take food seriously. The two hotels my wife and I stayed at, El Castell and Can Boix, had excellent restaurants, both serving the Catalan equivalent of haute cuisine. Theirs is an ancient gastronomy: a Catalan cookery book, the Libre de Sent Sovi. written in 1324. lists techniques and dishes that are still around today.

Typical Catalan food ranges from straightforward dishes such as pa am tomaquet and mel i mató (a ricotta-like cheese served with honey) to claborate ones that may combine urdikely ingredients salt cod with raisins, rabbit with snails, chicken with shrimps and chocolate. Smart restaurants squeamishly present offal specialities such as tripe, lamb's

> Game is very popular: chamois, boar, hare, capercaillie, partridge and quail. There is even a rabbit unique to the Cadi, piebald in colouring, possibly descended from

trotters, yeal shout and pig's

Several of the vegetables 1'd never seen before; what I took to be leeks were huge green onions, and I saw strange, scarlet gourds for sale. I particularly liked the tiny brown olives called arbequines, hardly bigger than

Sometimes we came across

CATALONIA FACT FILE

The author travelled with Spanish Harbour Holidays (0117-986 0777), which offers a week at El Castell hotel, half-board, including the return flight from £510. If you drive to the area, a week's half-board would start at £430.

A week at Can Boix, half-board, including the return flight starts at £350: £260 without flights. Spanish Harbour also offers gites in the area from £230 per person a week, including the return flight: £115 without

Kon-Tiki Balloons can be contacted through Spanish Harbour or El Castell, who can also arrange canocing at La Seu d'Urgell on the Segre, where the 1992 Olympic canoeing events were held. Whitewater rafting is also available, as are drives around the edge of the Cadi-Moixero reserve, a 150-square mile conservation area of mountainous forests: Scots pines, silver firs, beeches, maples and aspens soaring up through juniper bushes and wild rhododendrons.

Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Catalonia - Voices of the Old Sea, by Norman Lewis (Picador, £5.99); Homage to Catalonia, by George Orwell (Penguin, £6.99); Barcelona and Catalunya. by Jules Brown (Rough Guides, 18,99).

the mushroom-gatherers with laden baskets, and there were stalls at the roadside with fungi piled on trestles or spilling from wooden crates: the familiar, ceps and morels, beside the more exoric, moixernons (St George's Aga-ric) and fredolic (a type of blewit), as well as some rarities, such as the yellow-gilled ou de reig ("royal egg" or Caesar's Orangel.

The little town of La Seu d'Urgell clusters around its medieval cathedral, a sombre Romanesque structure that

resembles a fortress as much as a place of worship, La Seu means the diocese or sec. Ever since the 13th century, the Bishops of Urgell have been co-rulers of the Principality of Andorra, initially with the French Counts of Foix, then with the French king and now

the French president. The canoeing contests of the 1992 Olympics were held at La Seu d'Urgell. A special park was constructed on the Segre which now draws enthusiasts from across Europe. My wife and I had a go at whitewater-



Silent wilderness: the Anso Valley in the Spanish Pyrenees

rafting, hurtling down a roaring channel of man-made rapids. As we both thought we had been incredibly brave, it was slightly disappointing to learn later that the water was only 4ft deep.

During our visit, our host introduced us to another highlight of the region: the Cadi-Moixerò reserve, a 150-square mile conservation area with huge forests dotted with juniper bushes and wild rhododendrons - interrupted here and there by meadows which are searlet with poppies in spring. We passed some attractive villages, their ancient houses of honey-coloured stone, Arseguel (where there is an accordion museum) and on around several hair-pin bends

to Ansovell where the road

ends. No vehicles may enter

Then we headed back to Pont de Bar for lunch at the Taverna dels wonderful Noguers, which must be everyone's dream of a country restaurant: delicious food in

To the south of Alt Urgell is



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the district of Peramola. The landscape is scrubbier, the mountains lower, the pines give way to box shrubs and the hillsides are strewn with wild herbs, lavender, rosemary and thyme. Not far from our hotel was a steep track leading to a chapel on top of a cliff, Nostra Senyora de Castell-Liebre.

discovered the chapel has a legend rather similar to the Welsh legend of Saint Melangell. Back in the Middle Ages, Trobantse, the baron of Peramola, while out hunting, pursued a hare up into these hills. Eventually, he found his quarry crouching behind a fine alabaster statue of the

The statue, on its own in the wilderness, was taken as a sign from God and Trobantse built the chapel on the spot.

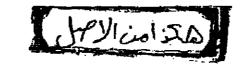
The chapel still houses the alabaster statue and there is a little shrine a short distance from it where people leave bunches of flowers and herbs. Twice a year, on St Mark's Day and at Easter, a priest on horseback leads a procession

from Peramola to Castell-

Liebre to celebrate Mass. JOE ROBERTS

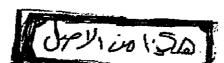
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Help tribes in Pakistan

DURING Pakistan's 50th anniversary year. Discovery Initiatives (0171-229 9881) is looking for volunteers, particularly women, to explore the views of tribal women, to explore the views of tribal women in the North-West Frontier coun-try of the Khyber Pass, the Karakoran and the Hindu Kush. No local women would discuss issues with Western men, says the company. It is working with the National Heritage Foundation of Peshawar to pioneer a Cultural Heritage Trail in a region which is home to some of Central Asia's oldest civilisations. The two-week autumn and winter trips cost E1,985 all-inclusive.

FOR adventurous pioneers who can face the bracing Siberian winds, Rambler Holidays (01707 331133) has introduced a nine-day **Exploration of Snow-Covered** Beijing holiday this winter. It will include the usual sights, the Great Wall, Ming Tombs and the Forbidden City, and a bit of contemporary China by visiting its back lanes and kindergartens. The tour costs £695-£815 and includes full board and flights.

M-way massage

TO RELIEVE stress on motorists fighting their way down the Paris-Rhone autoroute network, service stations and rest areas are offering drivers a free massage, sight and reflex tests, as well as open-air dances and archery classes for all from June 27 to August 31.

Clowns and bouncy castles will help entertain children, with free meals and nappies for the undertwos at Relais-Bébé centres. Details from French Information on 0891 244123 (50p per minute).

Too old at 27

SHOPPING at Otvalo market in Ecuador, drinking beer for under 10p a pint in Prague, scuba diving among the sleeping sharks of the Yucatan Peninsula and Inter-Railing round Europe on £10 a day. These are among the "must



What do the tribal women in Pakistan really think about their lives? Initiative Discovery is inviting volunteers to find out on a heritage trail

do" items that Campus Travel (0171-730 3402) is urging young people to experience before they are 26 and no longer qualify for cheap tickets. The firm can book tickets to any of the destinations.

Maine chance

MUCH of the prosperity of Maine, USA, was based on its shipbuilding industry, the New England brigs, barks, windjammers and schooners sailing the world with cargoes of fish and timber, returning with sugar. coffee, molasses, rum and wool. Now we can relive the windjammer days on one of three converted schooners sailing out of Rockland.

The oldest, Isaac H. Evans, was built in 1886 and carries 20 passengers who can help with shipboard activities if they wish. The three to six-day voyages cruise round islands and coastal villages according to the winds and passengers' whims. Costs for three days are from \$370-\$425 (£240-E285), six days from \$635-\$745

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and soft drinks, but not flights. Details from North End Shipyard Schooners (001 207 594 8007; fax: 001 207 594 8015).

A LONG weekend in the Salzburg of Mozart, Sound of Music and creamy cake fame coincides with the Salzburg Summer Festival of Opera. JMB Travel (01905 425628) offers flights from Gatwick, three nights' B&B at a first-class hotel and best seats for either Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov or Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito. for E875.

Pasta times

HANDS-ON pasta-making and a top chef's dish of the day are highlights of a gastronomic and culture tour to Venice in November organised by Cox & Kings (0171-873 5010). Hosted by Roberto Wilk, an American-born Venice (£425-£500), including all meals | enthusiast, the tour also includes olive oil tasting, lunch in the fish restaurant Al Covo, a visit to a working artist's studio and a concert of Venetian composers. The five-day trip costs £1,475 for

flights, four nights' half-board at the five-star Hotel Danieli and

Kids' corner



COULD this be the start of something? Sunworld Sailing and the UK charter airline Airworld are starting a Kids

Class at the rear of aircraft for five to 12-year-olds. Supervisers will organise games provide comics, puzzles, meals and relief for adult passengers. Other tour operators take note.

Try Morocco

ITS experience as a Tunisia specialist has helped Panorama Holiof 3,800 metres below sea level.

burg: a two-night stay costs from £281 including entrance to the exhibition, flights and B&B accommodation in a centrally ABOUT 20,000 privately owned villas, apartments and gites are offered for rent by Internome (0181-891 1294) throughout Europe. Each week it offers a "sale" of properties not booked for the following week at discounts of up to 30 per cent off

days (01273 206531) with its new

programme to Morocco this win-

ter, using direct flights from

Gatwick to Agadir and Marra-

kesh. More favoured by indepen-

dent travellers and backpackers,

Morocco has been tried out by

several package tour operators

and then quietly dropped. Though more colourful and varied than its

neighbour, the country gets nu-

merous complaints about its ag-gressive touting and hassling of

Panorama's self-catering beach

holidays in the purpose-built At-

lantic coastal resort of Agadir start

at £199 for a week including

flights: an eight-day Imperial Cir

ies Tour starts at £729 half-board.

ON April 15, 1912, the Titanic,

carrying 2,207 passengers on her

maiden voyage across the Atlantic,

struck an iceberg and sank, killing

nearly 1,500 people. It was not

until 1985 that she was found,

broken in two and lying at a depth

Ship shape

the brochure price. In Poland on the edge of Lake Stregiel, a house sleeping seven and ideal for fishing, walking and mushroom picking, costs a total of £199, or £28 per person. next week instead of the normal

Crockery, spectacles, personal effects of the passengers and rusted shipware salvaged from the wreck are on display in the port district of Hamburg until Novem-

ber 9. Films and photographs explain how the French and

American divers undertook the

Moswin's Germany (0116-27) 9922) offers short breaks to Ham-

salvage operation.

£297. A modern two-storey wooden house situated about 20 minutes from the centre of Prague is reduced from £319 to £214, or £54 for each of four

Booked up

WHILE the eccentricities and delights of Greek ferries are well documented, far less is known of the country's rail system which, after years of neglect, is enjoying something of a revival of investment and interest. According to Greece by Rail - With Major Ferry Routes by Zane Katsikis (Bradt Publications, £11.95), it is possible to travel round the Peloponnese, to the far corners of Thrace and even more remote areas by rail, though you may have to change trains because of incompatible track widths.

Railway buffs will enthuse about the reports of steam-hauled passenger services, now being restored, and details of precipitous rack-and-pinion ascents — from Diakafto to Kalavrita – while budget travellers will find invaluable information on low-priced accommodation and passes.



No Cook's tour in **Boston**

From: A. Hunt, Atherstone,

Regarding your article (Travel News, May 29) concerning Captain Cook and the UK tour of the replica Endeavour: I, along with many of the other 10.399 hopefuls, queued for well over two hours at Boston, Lincolnshire, to catch little more than a glimpse of the ship. After we had finally managed to visit Endeavour, we were then forced into yet another lengthy queue to get some relevant literature. Surely the organisers had visited Victory in Portsmouth where an excellent timed ticket system operates? All this and much more, in an organisational way, was lacking on

☐ After one million people turned up at Whiby to see the ship on its UK tour, the Endeavour Foundation finally introduced a timed ticket system.

From: D.J.Turner, Beauly, Inverness-shire:

I was interested in Tom Pocock's "Long day's rail journey to Venice" (Weekend, June 7). My wife and I made a similar journey last year. But I must point out an error in the article. Trains to/from Paris to the southeast, TGV or otherwise, use the Gare de Lyon station, not the Gare de l'Est.

☐ Tom Pocock comments: You are right. I apologise for the slip.

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Switched-on travelling

B ooking a holiday from a glossy brochure could become as outdated as a Magic Bus trip to Kathmandu from next summer. Travel firms and airlines looking to cut distribution costs are dabbling in new multimedia outlets which will transmit images of foreign delights direct to our homes, offices and computers.

With interactive technology, booking and payment down the line will become a viable option for 21st-century travel. By next summer it will be possible to book and pay for flights or holidays straight from the television screens. British Interactive Broadcasting

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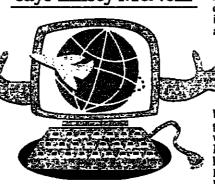
(BIB) is planning an interactive home shopping service, including travel products, on television next July. Initially it will be available to the 5.6 million households with access to BSkyB. But cable television companies are also expected to announce plans for their own on-line shopping services shortly.

Armchair shopping is already big business in the UK where 15 per cent of all holidays booked are advertised on Teletext, BIB is to make its service interactive, allowing viewers to make bookings at the press of a button. It will also show video clips, maps and pictures of hotels and resorts. The service will be accessible from

normal television sets which will need set-top boxes, expected to cost £200, to Chris Townsend of BIB said the

By next year we will be booking holidays from our TV screens,

says Linsey McNeill



company was talking to several travel firms, including Thomas Cook, about offering holidays for sale on television. Many travel-related companies already sell on the Internet, including more than 300 airlines, 1,000 hotels, 100 car rental companies and more than 1,000 travel agents.

While heavily geared to the American market, which accounts for 85 per cent of all travel purchases, BIB expects many travel companies will eventually offer their products through TV shop-ping channels. Thomas Cook, which tested armchair shopping two years ago among 2,500 homes in East Anglia, has been working with BIB. It is expected to use the home shopping service initially to sell special interest holidays such as skiing, sailing and walking tours.

Thomas Cook has also pioneered mobile booking kiosks which allow customers to book and pay for holidays in commercial outlets other than travel agencies. Each kiosk is a personal computer with a touch-sensitive screen, built-in phone and

credit card reader. Customers can browse through brochures on screen and when they want to make a booking they pick up the phone, which gives them a two-way video link-up with a consultant at Thomas Cook's Peterborough telesales centre.. Two kiosks have been set up in David Lloyd

Health and Fitness Centres in Sidcup, Kent, and Raynes Park, southwest London. If they attract enough interest, Thomas Cook plans to install them in other David Lloyd centres in the UK. Thomson Holidays and British Airways are carrying out similar trials with Touchpoint kiosks. These are Pentium PCs attached to BT payphones, which display flight and

holiday information as well as other

services; 200 kiosks have been installed

in London and the South East for a

trial period, after which they may be set up across the UK. Linsey McNeill is the author of Travel in the Digital Age (Bowerdean, E12.99).

Shuttling under the Channel

LE SHUTTLE is looking to win back lost customers to its carcarrying service through the Channel Tunnel with a £2 million promotional relaunch this summer. The company resumed full service of up to four departures an hour on June 1, following the tunnel fire which restricted capacity last November.

While it has managed to maintain car numbers in the first five months of 1997. Le Shuttle has seen Dover-based ferries mop up an additional 1.5 million passengers com-pared with the same period last year. As a result, Le Shuttle's share of the "short-sea" car market has plunged from 50 to 36 per cent.

The company is avoiding the obvious — but suicidal — tactic of price-cutting to win back traffic, keeping standard return fares to £129, £169 and £199, depending on the time of travel. Instead, it is looking to "add value" to its service in a Happy 100 Days promotion which began this week. Live entertain-

ment, food and wine tastings,

competitions. special offers, shopping vouchers and free motoring itineraries are among the offerings at its Folkestone

terminal.

The British account for twothirds of Le Shuttle customers. But the promotion is also being mounted in Calais where th French are being offered Lamberhurst wine and Shep herd's Neame beer from Kent. Summer is a crucial period for cross-Channel ferries, hit by dramatic falls in income since the tunnel opened in 1994.

Le Shuttle is adding pressure by some heavy advertising of its duty-free prices: up to two-thirds off high street figures and lower than those of the ferries which make 50 per cent of their revenue from on-board sales.

Bill Dix, Le Shuttle managing director, denied the promotion was designed as a blatant bribe to holidaymakers to turn their back on the ferries.

"We want to provide people with a shop window of what they can see and do on the other side of the Channel. We are

responding to their needs," he said. Le Shuttle is now taking bookings in advance, as well as retaining some space for turnup-and-go customers. Mr Dix said up to two-thirds of space would be given over to prebooked customers. But company research shows that only 23 per cent of customers are going on holiday, well behind the 38 per cent who are going shopping. A further one in five is travelling on business.

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 25 ULTRAMONTANE

(a) Literally, beyond the mountains, from the Latin. It used to mean that faction in the Roman Catholic church which either lived north of the Alps, outside Italy, and opposed the concept of papal supremacy, or lived south of the Alps, within Italy, and favoured the concept of papal supremacy.

(c) A bone disease caused by cadmium. It is said to be derived from the Japanese for "Ouch! Ouch!" On this pattern, it should be possible to provide more echoic names for other diseases and conditions. So, "Eek, eek!" for arachnophobia; "Er, er!" for aphasia; "Unh, unh!" for constipation.

TORREFY (b) To parch or scorch; to dry with heat. From the Latin torreo 1 toast or scorch. The female electrical hair-drier with white-hot curlers can justly be referred to as a torrefier.

DISSAVE (a) This charming word means just what it ought to mean

— the opposite of save. To dissave is the Micawber option practised by most of us, to spend more than one's income, by drawing upon one's savings or capital. in a sense, the ultimate object of all saving is dissaving.

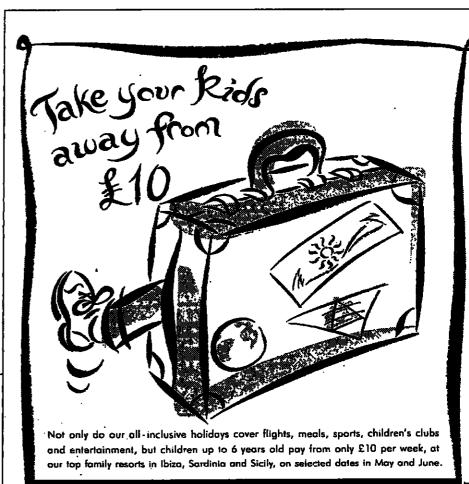
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Tuscany or the South of France, it is as if Greece has somehow become a second-grade holiday destination. We're so familiar with the images of tourism torture: concrete, yob-strewn devas-tation in parts of Corfu; Athens, one great bad-tempered belch of exhaust furnes; sad food, airport hells. But it is still possible to

travel magnificently, unforgettably in Greece: I flew to Preveza, climbed into a tiny hot car and headed for the Zagorichoria, that cluster of tiny mountain villages amid peaks and gorges that hurt the heart at first sight. You climb tains still with streaks of snow across their broad backs, like basking killer whales. Beneath these are pillars of cliff with mountainsides intensely green. Beneath the cliffs cling the grey stone roofs of the village of Mikro Papingo. barnacled onto the steep sides of some of the most beautiful country on earth.

This is the region of Epiros the romantic Roumeli of Patrick Leigh Fermor's book. At the Dias guest house set on a terrace high above the world. I woke to the skewiff percussion of dozens of goat bells, as the goats were shepherded through the rock-cobbled pathway beneath my window. There were no roads - just paths flanked by high stone walls and wild flowers, just wide enough for two old women to pause in passing. clicking their teeth over the way the world is going.

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two people including flights, car and insurance. week's B&B at the Dias guest house in Mikro Papingo costs from £502-£557 per person, with flights, car and insurance. Flights to Prevesa from Gatwick take three bours. Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Penguin History of Greece, by A.R.Burn (Penguin, 19.99) The Unwritten Places, by Tim Salmon (Lycabettus Press, £9.95); Roumeli: Travels in northern Greece.

ably. Some are travellers explorers of the more laidback sort; others walkers or trekkers. I was reminded of pre-war alpine walking tours; imagine Switzerland if the Swiss lightened up a very great deal. There were wholesome elderly couples challenging retirement in stout boots, their faces like raspberries from the sun. And the food

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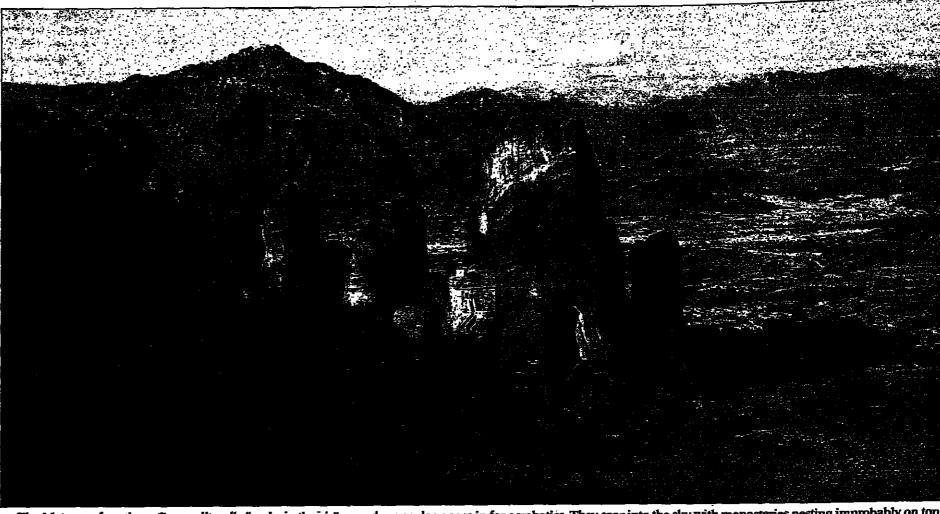
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The Meteora of northern Greece, literally "rocks in the air", are where geology goes in for acrobatics. They soar into the sky with monasteries nesting improbably on top

proves my gastronomic creed that when something very simple is good, nothing can beat it. At Dias, the enterprishost Costas Tsoumanis will feed you day or night; he even fixed me a snack for departure — a tranche of crusty bread bursting with herb-roasted cold pork, local

goat's cheese and tomatoes. The Zagori makes the eyes

of Greeks from other parts of the country glow with pride. The air is so clean, they say, you want to drink it; there are still eagles, hovering on thermals: stone packhorse bridges span clear streams in semi-circles so perfect that the secret of constructing them has, naturally, died out. Conservation is a reality — all rebuilding is done in local stone.

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A kilometre from where I stayed, you can go for a waterfall swim, secluded by trees and birdsong. The gushwater has scalloped out pale cream rock into bowls. where you can lie with the water cascading over your shoulders before lying out like a lizard on the rocks to dry.

The Meteora - literally "rocks in the air" - is where geology goes acrobatic. They are sheer and vertiginous, soaring into the sky, with monasteries nesting improba-bly on top, I climbed to the monastery of St Balaam, where decades ago Leigh Fermor woke at dawn to bells. Today he would be greeted by piles of long skirts, kept at the entry for the hot-panted and miniskirted visitors, to hide yards of sinful flesh.

Inside the chapel, all is still rich darkness. I was transfixed by a sudden gleam of red in the mural. Beneath the scales of Right and Wrong, cowering bodies are grabbed dramatically by red ochre devils, tres. The red smear of hell was echoed - though it was only May, in my opinion as late into the summer as you should consider — in the crimson faces of German coach parties. near seizure from the climb. The survivors are shepherded into their own hot hell of the tourist bus. Above them, timelessly, two nuns lean over the balcony, spectacles glinting.

I wouldn't stay in noisy Kalambaka, the dormitory town beneath the rocks; the air is cleaner a few miles out at Trigona, where family hospitality at the Trigona Hotel will soothe you. Getting there via some of the most dramatic mountain ranges the world

has thrown together — is now easy. The famous Katara Pass is spectacular. Just do the drive sober and wide awake. taking a patience pill for the hour when you're trapped behind a petrol tanker.

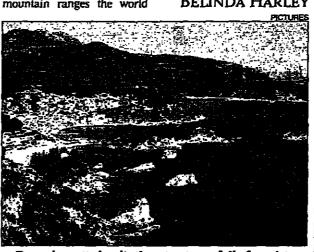
There is much evidence of investment: tunnels carved through mountains, bridges, improved roads. Blue road signs with the EU symbol announce massive new construction projects, specifying how many millions of Ecus have been spent - memorials to our unwitting generosity as European taxpayers.

own on the coast, Parga is picturesque, if the picture yoù start with is a fishing village, St Ives-size, just on the point of moron meltdown. On the day I arrived, remembering a harbour with a couple of good tavernas. the coaches were lined all the way up the approach road, the tiny streets heaving with holidaymakers.

Back in the car for the Within half an hour's drive you can cross Acheron, the river Styx, and climb the hill to the Necromanteion, where you are supposed to be able to find the spirits of the dead. Entry to the other world costs less than a pound; I spent an idyllic morning wandering in the ruins, lost in thought. This is what makes it worth gritting your teeth at Prevesa airport. where the single check-in creates an hour-long queue through the airport, and all down the sun-baked road. Just remember how you removed your wristwatch with a sigh of

BELINDA HARLEY

relief on arrival.



Parga is pretty but its tiny streets are full of tourists

Heaven and high water

or scenic beauty and cultural interest, the Aegean is without doubt the most splendid cruising ground in the world. However, as they are usually quite brief, cruises rather serve as an introduction to these

Inevitably, the ships remain fairly small as so many ports of call are made at cramped and crowded harbours or anchorages. We chose a threeday cruise which took us to Mykonos, Rhodes, Patmos, Kusadasi and back to Piraeus - all within 70 hours - on the Triton of the Epirotiki Cruise Line. It was a good choice. Built in Rotterdam in 1971, its design and layout was most suitable for this business and it was so well maintained that it carried its years well.

A high standard of discipline and order was essential with a full load of 600 passengers from several nationalities without any single one being predominant - and so many arrivals and departures. meals and entertainments. Clear public broadcast an-

nouncements in four languages - English, Spanish, Greek and Japanese achieved this purpose. Our cabin speakers could be turned off and the insulation was so good we could be left in

The first stop was at Mykonos, where we anchored so close inshore that two headlines were run out to a bollard on a beach. This reflected the fact that six other cruise ships were to crowd into this tiny anchorage at the same time. The launch service went smoothly, leaving us two hours to walk around.

That night we steamed to Rhodes where we berthed at dawn besides the old walled city with its fortress and Palace of the Grand Masters of The Order of St John. Before the Second World

War, it had been entirely reconstructed within, by the Italian government, as a holi-day home for Mussolini. We walked around the decaying old walled town and in the afternoon took a bus to the crowded beach at Faliraki for



a swim. At dusk, we sailed for Patmos and by 7am were ashore and walking the steep. cobbled pathway to the mon-astery of St-John the Divine-Halfway up we visited the cave where St John recorded his meetings with the Al-mighty in the Book of Revelations.

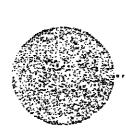
At 9am we were off to management insisted, "Asia Minor". We had five hours ashore where we walked the port, streets and market. The shopkeepers had many buyers, the interest concentrated on carpets and leather. It seemed natural for the young salesmen to boast of girlfriends in Salisbury and Edinburgh.

There were bus tours at the ports to the historic sites, quite expensive but well supported. On Sunday night, we steamed back to Piraeus at full speed. The Gala Dinner was much the best meal served on board but our attempts to dance the night away were frustrated by the Triton as she forced her way back to Piracus through the Meltemi - the Aegean wind which blows strongly in July and August. Soon after dinner, the dance

floor was strangely deserted.

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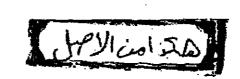


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Britain: Despite the tourists, this rocky peninsula of Arthurian legend and folklore has kept its beauty

Bowled over by Gower

nated Britain's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, complacent residents thought official their closely guarded secret.

Forty years and hundreds of thousands of tourists later, this rural refuge sandwiched between the industrial conurbations of Swansea and Llanelli in South Wales has somehow managed to retain its individuality. Beauty spots largely survive the inevitable intrusion of the car and nightlife is confined to the occasional teen-

agers' bonfire on Oxwich beach. Although the Gower peninsula is less than 20 miles long and no more than eight miles wide, it is large enough to embrace two distinct communities, where accents, place names and even the landscape celebrate contrasting traditions. Celn Bryn, a roof-like hill that runs roughly but conveniently from east to west, marks the division between an anglicised south and the Welshness to the north.

Norman settlers and their successors have appropriated the most fertile agricultural land and the dragon's share of the scenic set pieces and sandy beaches, leaving the low-lying northern land with its marshes, coal measures and cockle

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■ Tourist information office (01792 468321). ■ Where to stay: Fairyhill Hotel and Restaurant, B&B double from £85 (01792 390139). King Arthur Hotel. B&B double from £45

■ Places to visit include: T Felin Ddwr, the Gower (01792 371206): the Salthouse. Port Eynon (01792 635741); the Lovespoon Gallery, Mumbles (01792 360132). ■ Gower Festival (mostly music) at local churches.

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beds to the earlier inhabitants. Along the southern coastline prehistoric eruptions have stacked the limestone strata of the cliffs almost vertically and half a dozen Norman castles around the perimeter are evidence of more recent disturbances. Everywhere trees hunch their backs against westerly winds that whip in from the sea. And yet, in sheltered spots, palm



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trees thrive. Near the summit of Cefn Bryn stands Arthur's Stone, a 4.000-year-old chambered tomb topped by a massive 25-ton capstone. Legend says it was a "pebble" discarded from the great king's shoe. Further down the hill in Reynoldston, Len O'Driscoll, landlord of the King Arthur Hotel, is happy to capitalise on a tale that brings coachloads of tourists to his door and quotes Thomas Heywood's lines which tell of Arthur's

lands, "from Guernsey to Gower". In private, he concedes that the stone's name more probably derives from arth, the Welsh word for bear, and refers to the stone's location in relation to the stellar constellations. Anyway, the landlord boasts links with a more recent species of legend. For late-night customers who can recite the 1948 Swansea Town half-back line of Paul, Weston, Burns he will heave on to the bar a collection of giant

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A reunion of surviving local heroes was held recently at the hotel.

Rhossili marks the most westerly point on the peninsula. The location is dramatised by the silhouette of Worm's Head, a monster-like promontory that appears to battle tirelessly with the tides. Such fanciful imagery seems justified when one learns that wurm was an old Norse word for serpent. A word of warning: before venturing on to the Worm, which is transformed from a peninsula into an island twice a day, check tide tables at the coastguard station. Dylan Thomas was once marooned here.

Guils and sheep negotiate the steep cliffs overlooking Rhossili Bay 200 feet below, but visitors should beware in summer when dry grass transforms the verges



into treacherous ski slopes. At low tide, the ribs of a ship wrecked more than a century ago and stripped bare protrude from the sand like a seabird's carcass. The three-mile stretch of beach easily absorbs a teeming Bank Holiday throng. Clifton tearooms offer refreshments and a breathtaking panorama for bathers breathless after the steep climb back.

Some landowners have found car parks and caravan sites for holidaymakers a more lucrative cash crop than early vegetables. Not all manifestations of the tourist influx over the past four decades have been as disagreeable as the prospect of caravandalised cliffs.

urfers, for instance, add to the general enjoyment as they perform their wavetop ballets, and multi-coloured hang-gliders launched from the summit of Rhossili Down make a compelling view. Further inland there are more

private pleasures such as Mill Vood, a cool refuge on the warmest day. The wood straddles Pennyhitch, the steep tunnel of a lane where once an enterprising rustic hired out his horse for a penny to help carts up the incline.

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that item from his lunch menu. The Oxwich cottage where John Wesley stayed on a visit to Gower in the 18th century may still be seen. The great preacher is said to have found the locals in dire need of religion. What then would he make today of the chapel abandoned by the Methodists and transformed into an elegant residence?

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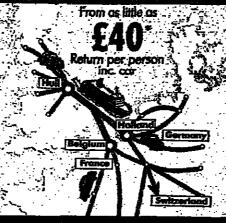
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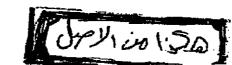
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tory position. He has avoided White's tactical tricks and retains a

number of strategic advantages.

18 Ng3 Nxg3 19 fxg3 Rfc8 20 g4

Aware of his strategic inferiority,

White lashes out and tries for

Black is looking for a decisive

combination but has underestim-

27 Nd2 Qd4+ 28 Kh1 Qxd5

Inaugurating what appears to be

the decisive combination. Black

sees mating possibilities by means

of a combinative assault on White's

29 Be4 Rxe4 30 Nxe4 Cxf5 31 Nxd6 Bxg2+32 Kxg2 Rc2+ 33 Kh1 Qf4 34 Re8+ Bf8

ated White's chances.

Rc7 21 f5 exf5 g5 23 Re1 Qf6 Rac8 25 Rdd1 Rc4

... g4 would be stronger.

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by Raymond Keene

USUALLY the best chess writers are the best players. Both Alexan-der Alekhine and Garry Kasparov stand out, not only as superlarive champions, but also as commentators. Soviet world champion Mikhail Botvinnik insisted that aspiring grandmasters should publish notes to their games. Occasionally, though, a superb writer appears whose distinction in tournament or match play is quite modest. A fine example was R. N. Coles. Now Dover has reissued Epic Battles of the Chessboard by Coles. a collection of 50 games from 1834 to 1951. All the examples are replete with sacri-

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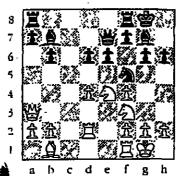
2 N13 g6 4 Nbd2 c5 3 Bg5 5 e3 Bg7

Advancing the pawn only one square in order to set up a solid centre and neutralise the activity of Black's king's bishop.

b6 6 Bd3 h6 8 Bf4 Nh5 10 Qb3 White sacrifices pawn structure for active piece play. 10 ... Nxf4 11 exf4 0-0

If now 12 Bxg6 c4 13 Nxc4 d5 14 Nce5 fxg6 or 12 Bxg6 c4 13 Qxc4 d5, in both cases with Black winning material. Coles also analyses 12 dxc5 dxc5 13 Bxg6 Bd5 14 c4 Bx13 15 Qxf3 fxg6 16 Qxa8 Qxd2. White does well to avoid this.

12 Rad1 Nc6 13 Bb1 15 Ne4 17 Rd2 14 cxd4



A tense moment, with both players in time trouble. Black threatens a devastating checkmate, but it is White's move and he has a brilliant escape clause.

35 Rxf8+ Kxf8 36 Nf5+ Kg8 37 Qf8+ Black resigns

It is mate next move after 37 ... Kxf8 38 Rd8. A galling experience for Black, a future world champion, who had to concede while still threatening his own mate on the move. For this exquisite piece of play Vidmar was awarded a brilliancy prize.

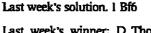
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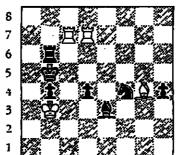
By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Bogolyubov -Sultan Khan, Prague 1931.

In this tricky endgame White found a problem-like solution to finish the game. What was 7 his-key-first move?-The first 6 correct answer drawn on Thursday will win a year's 5 subscription to the Staunton 4 Society which includes a free at Simpson's-in-the-Strand.

The answer will be published next Saturday.



Last week's winner: D. Thorne, Canton, Cardiff.



abcdefgh

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine (reproduced from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

The cartoon will be printed again next week with a caption from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Strand Caption 57. The Times, l Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, June 25.





'We're sorry old boy but someone has to lead the Tory Party"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Mark Walsingham of Farnham, Surrey

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ULTRAMONTANE Beyond the mountains b. Extravagant

c. A Buddhist tract ITAIITAI

a. The nightingale

b. Tuna suchi c. A bone disease TORREFY

a. An Irish alarm b. To toast c. A wide-meshed lace

DISSAVE

b. To disavow

a. Not to save

 a. A Moroccan horse bandit Answers on page 21

BRIDGE

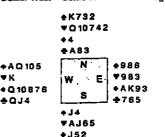
by Robert Sheehan

THIS IS the play on the first round of a suit that has been opened on your left and supported on your

(i)K (ii) A 7 led

Who holds the other honours? The thinking was important in the play

Dealer West Game all Rubber Bridge



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Contract: Four Hearts by South Lead: the seven of diamonds

After North's double, Three Diamonds by East is pre-emptive. With a sound raise to the three level he would bid 2NT. That bid is not required for balanced 11-12 point hands, on which East would redouble. Both North's take-out double and raise to Four Hearts were aggressive actions. Four Hearts is on the face of it a poor contract, requiring both the king of hearts and the ace of spades to be wellplaced, and needing something else in the wash.

East wins the first diamond with the king and returns the six of clubs, which goes small, jack, ace. When you lead a heart from dummy, Easts follows small. What

is your plan?
The play to the first trick marks East with the ace and king of diamonds. That is because West will not underlead the ace. So who has the king of hearts? It has to be West — with Kx(x) of hearts and ace and king of diamonds, East would be too strong for a pre-emptive raise in diamonds. Thus it is clear for declarer to play the ace of hearts - his only chance being that West's king is singleton. With the ace of spades onside that brings home the

contract. But that's not what happened at the table. I was declarer and East, Lionel Wright, manager of TGR's, won the first trick with the ace of diamonds before returning a club.

If the defence are not false-carding that marks West with the king and East with the queen of diamonds - West would lead the king from KQxxx. I should still have played for the king of hearts to drop when East follows small to the first heart — if East has Kx(x) and no singleton, he might well have bid INT over the double, and if he has a singleton he would have been worth 2NT to show a good raise to Three Diamonds.

However, the message wasn't so clear and I decided to finesse the heart. Now West should have exited passively, but he too was fooled by his partner's play of the are of diamonds. He thought that marked declarer with the king; in case I had KI he continued with the queen of clubs, so the contract still

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

by Tim Wapshott

EUROPRESS has succeeded where hundreds of Internet users and the Smurfs have failed - by winning approval from Oasis. The band is getting tough on fans illegally posting its material on the Internet, and has already prevented the Smuris from covering their classic Wonderwall. But the Oasis Interactive Songbook has the perennially grumpy band's blessing.

The Songbook features every

track on the album (Whar's The Story) Morning Glory, breaking each down into easily digested guitar, keyboard and vocal parts. Nor are these poor twangy renditions of the original songs rerecord-ed by lesser mortals, they are the originals with vocals provided by the Brothers Gallagher and co. The Oasis Interactive Songbook, all the more appealing for its authenticity, accommodates novices as well as seasoned musicians. The guitar parts, for example, are illustrated not by conventional musical notation but with graphics instead, showing how each chord should be picking out the correct fingering.

machine. The music can be paused at any point in a song or repeated endlessly, with guitar and keyboard parts played in isolation, to make lighter work of learning and practising. In addition to the song tutorials, the double CD-Rom title includes a miscellany of Oasis trivia with a ography and discography database as well as an Oasis quiz. The latter is really just another way of presenting 50 Things You Never Knew About Oasis. The band, inci-

dentally, is due to release its third album, Be Here Now, later this summer. This is the first in a series of Songbooks from Europress, with U2 and Blur expected to be the next to get this interactive treatment. Poor old Rock'n'Rom got off to a rather rocky start but it is now finding the going a little more. stable. This CD-Rom is an arid and clinical pop database listing historical single and album chart sales and America irom

The Oasis Interactive Songbook has the perennially grumpy band's blessing original version of Rock'n Rom.

launched two years ago, was a coproduction by Penguin and System Simulations, the latter better known here for developing interac-British Museum depicted by an animated hand around the time records began - in and the London Transport Muse- on Windows 3.11 (not 3.1) or 95, 1955 in America, and 1960 in um. Rock'n'Rom came on one disc Keyboard chords are variously illustrated, while the vocal parts flash up like lyrics on a karaoke or album title and so on. The boasts a wealth of fascinating

information, which is easy enough to extract, it was an expensive reference tool just for radio stations and overpaid record executives.

Now released by System Simulations alone, the latest version, Rock'n'Rom 2, updates the listings to April last year. With a revised selling price of £400, it comes a little nearer to being afforded by pop music fanatics as much as radio and record bigwigs. The Oasis Interactive Songbook and Rock'n'Rom 2 can be classed as CD-Rom hits. but as far as misses go, they don't come much bigger than The Music File. This came out with a whimper, despite modestly claiming to be "the ultimate reference of UK rock

and pop releases". It is, in reality, a lazy title with little appeal. The disc is produced in association with Mojo magazine, where, I suspect, the editor burst into tears on seeing the finished product. The developed by File Productions based in the Isle of Man. It is a kind of a glorified Internet shopping basket, allowing you to build up

lists of records, identifying those you already own alongside those you intend to buy. The CD-Rom will also punch up a UK selection of mostly mail-order addresses, plus a few Internet sites, from which you can make record purchases with a credit card.

There is also a scatological database of artist Web-site links. The so-called bonus is a paltry, silent slide show mixing a few images from the magazine's covers with some of its features and a self-congratulatory puff. Finally, Van-essa-Mae straddles the divide of rock and pop with classical music. Her heavenly violin virtuosity can be heard on The Classical Album I. from EMI Classics. This includes works by Bach, Brahms, Beethoven and Bruch. But it is not only an audio CD, for it can also be run on Windows 95 as a CD-Rom to play a video documentary on Vanessa-Mae. It features some of her TV and concert performances, as well as a question and answer section.

This week's Top Tip comes from Jeremy Singer of Live nostalgically recreate the noises made by an old Amstrad CPC or Sinclair ZX81 when loading a tape, blow into the lid from a Bic Crystal Medium Biro."

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

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DOWN

2 Scarf (7)

1 New child (4)

creature (6)

11 Obstinate (3-6)

18 Avarice (5)

5 Vigorous, incisive (9)

6 Stone heap; sort of terrier (5)

7 (Session) of all members (7)

13 Wood-patterning cutter (7)

15 Criminal; wicked character (7)

16 Peace-keeping tour (6)

20 Oppressive rule; sounds

like part of egg (4)

22 Marshy ground (3)

3 Band date; old carriage (3)

4 Rudimentary stage: unborn

ACROSS

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- sidy (l,l,l) 8 Shroud in mist (5) 9 Directest path (7)
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Chambers 1993 is recommended but only gives partial information about one of the two possible methods by which some of the answers must be shortened. Peeper gleaned the missing information from Encyclopaedia Britannica. Peeper's motto is found in the 3rd edition of the ODQ

but is not in the 4th.

Space with breadth needs obliteration to make gap for cannon (9) Most extreme fogy could be so, always sporting ties

Muscle of RC body getting disused cover lifted (8) Spotted red state, for instance, with railway in

Warning spiteful woman about prayer (6) Shelter accepts new one with new allegiance (7) Colonel conceals army regulation name for parson

Our copy's right on time (5)
Give endless rules for making slanging lines (8) Ark not to weaken when time passes (4) Pact to dance in trees wildly (7) Deer-like animals scrap in bulrushes (8) Wimp in unexpected riposte (4)
One dropping back a trifle takes most of meadow to be turfable (10)

One in deviant listener's circle? (7) Indian laws: severe penalties are implied (5)
Resistance to sailor following one more, perhaps? (4) No 3415: Coat of Arms by Peeper As she was unwell singing performance was poor. died (7)

Orly is very good to the French (4) Ken could be needed to make this round place for animals (4) Nag about a lack of hair in Scots (4)

Follow one into oil plant (4)
One's to run with US intelligence in dis-tressed condition? (8)

Video spoilt by gape that's badly edited (5) Will make strike action if mine's closed? (5) News of educational journal in post (6) Wandering into alps endlessly, a free climber? (8)

Lord and Lady, say, kind of square in common hats "Put on apron Don" — S. Albert Hall (5)
Tot upset by a drink — bit of wind — sigh (8) Embellishes remnant so prettily (9) Brazilian crew repair stave, having been obtained

for that (6) In whatever degree tax can be so (10) Possible to deduct rubles as I'm rich (10) Betake one into repose of death (5) English strain that was sour (5)
Light chimney in light metal (7)
They'll pick up wish of French runner needing sun

Ladies sit side-saddle, for men it's eat, ride horse (7) Do better than teacher said with exam result? (7) To me Times can be wrong, one can be let down (5) Scot's happiness, one that's within his personality (4)

Congee taken as English lease is renewed (6, 2 Cultured man I pushed into river is a South American (9) See one in more antiquated picture (5)

Ship's steam generator with top removed (5) Foot makes one go to a doctor (4) Being careless merit a cluck (5) Prowl about, organised on square (4)
Sheep wanting water in strips of ground (4)
In Notting Hill cars are held every year (5) Modest about old knave's angry face showing this?

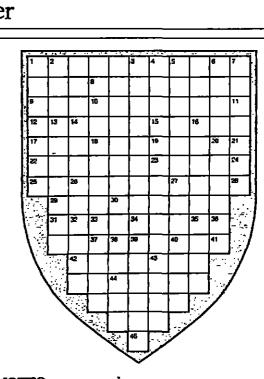
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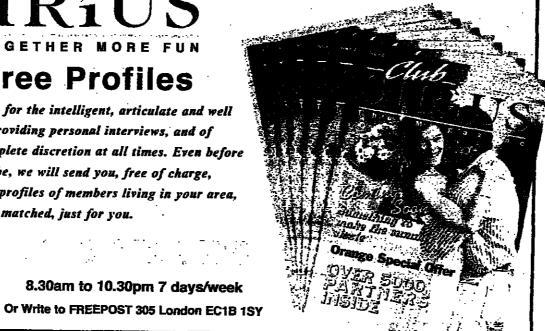
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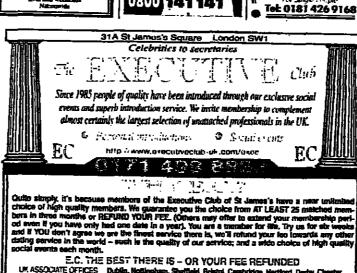
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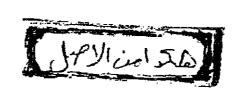
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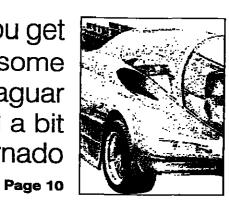




Why this girl doesn't tell her friends what she does



What you get with some Jaguar and a bit of Tornado



SATURDAY JUNE 21 1997

Ford has turned a kitten into a wildcat to add a coupé to its model range. Stuart Birch was impressed

Fun of a Fiesta, growl of a Puma

ive a car a good name and it must live up to it. Ford is a master of the memorable name; the company that brought you the Popular, the Escort and the Ka also produced the Galaxy, Mustang and Capri - now it has come up with Puma for its new, Fiesta-based coupe, on sale next month at £14,550.

But can the mild-mannered pussycat that is Fiesta, with all the utilitarian connutations of the small hatchback, become a

smooth skin the Puma is 80 per cent Fiesta, it has been given just enough charisma. performance and handling competence to qualify for sports coupé status without giving insurance actuaries a fit of the vapours.

The Puma treads a precise

this car from the herd.

The Puma's looks are cermance from its newly developed 1.7-litre, 125bhp engine is vigorous, and the details, from distinctive headlamps to rounded rump, are refreshingly different. But there is more. Drive this car hard, and it proves that it is not just an image wagon with an evocative name: it delivers. Ford vice-president Richard

Parry-Jones has been a major

Ford decided Bavaria had the right roads to make the point. So I drove the Puma flat out on the autobahn to see a couple of miles a minute with no drama. Then it was rapidly up a wet and winding mountain road to the accompaniment, at high revs. of a delightfully snarly engine note analysis of what its potential customers want to hear, the sound is created by diligent tuning of the engine's induction system. To match all this,

The Fiesta, on which the Puma is based, is a very good car, but Ford has done wonders to extrapolate its ability. to provide a car which Parry-Jones sees as combining coupé styling with hot-hatch dynam-

growly puma? It can. Although beneath its

path that takes it to a sector of the market ripe for develop--ment. The coupé has become Important currency in the car world; they might not sell in large numbers but a couné gives a manufacturer's model range a sporty appeal especially to the younger driver, who might not be so impressed by a souped-up saloon. Ford used to do very well adding sportiness to its smaller cars with the RS, for Rallye Sport models, but in the affluent 1990s potential buyers demand something more striking than the addition of a spoiler and

ord reckons there are three key factors eslooks, good performance and fine detailed design to separate

force in the Puma's creation. A senior member of the company, he combines executive clout with great enthusiasm for the product and a high level of technological skill. All this shows in the way the Puma goes about its business.

needed. In town, the Puma is smooth and easy to drive. The engine is very flexible, with strong pulling power across its whole range, thanks to variable valve timing; the crisp, close-ratio gearchange may be the result of extensive satisfying to use, but this car is happy to potter. Parry-Jones says Ford could have given the Puma up to was the right compromise for handling is safe and secure quick acceleration - 0-60 in and ride exceptionally good.

ain was lashing down, we

didn't know where we were

and the wipers were complete-

ly ineffective. But it was worth it for

Cobra for the first time just before the

was well aware of its reputation: "The

fiercest sportscar of the 1960s. The

very name is enough to send most

enthusiasts into nostalgic raptures,"

rain began on the way to Le Mans. I

I had taken the wheel of an AC

age about 38mpg, good flexi-bility and that all-important insurance credibility; it has a low group 12E. The Puma will carry four adults at a pinch but, in

.. and the bite

of the Cobra

Alan Copps fulfils a dream as he drives one of the most beautiful British roadsters to Le Mans

model like the Fiesta is that the

ics. The advantage of producing such an exciting car from the basis of a bread-and-butter

well-proven virtues of the origgiving 125bhp at 6,300rpm. inal can be retained for those times when excitement is not Transmission: Five-speed close ratio.

Economy: Combined cycle 38.2 mpg. Equipment: ABS, driver's airbag, traction control, power

driving seat has power height adjustment, but the steering wheel is not adjustable. The 150bhp but decided that 125 sporty theme is emphasised inside by using machined about 8.8 seconds - fuel aluminium — the trendy mateconsumption that should averrial for those who can't quite afford carbon fibre - for some elements of trim, including the

gearlever knob. The boot is something of a compromise, with a high sill which demands a fair amount

FORD PUMA Engine: Four-cylinder, 1.7-litre with variable valve timing.

P650 YE

Performance: 0-60mph in 8.8 secs, top speed 126mph.

steering, audio system. Price: £14,550 (air-conditioning £350 extra).

reality, is a roomy 2+2. The of physical effort if you are loading anything heavy. Ford admits it would not please all Fiesta owners, but feel it's justified on aesthetic and body stiffness grounds.

The Puma comes as a single

model, with one trim level. But

it's well equipped with anti-lock brakes, driver's airbag, traction control, power steering, powered windows and mirrors and a comprehensive security system.

Air-conditioning is a very competive £350 extra, but there is no sun-roof option that will be a dealer-fit accessory and will be the unsatisfac-

Ford Puma: the advantage of producing such an exciting car from the basis of a bread-and-butter model like the Fiesta is that the virtues of the original can be retained for times when excitement is not needed

tory lift-out glass type. Ford sees the small coupe market growing in the next few years, and expects to sell about 5,000 Pumas - which are built in Germany — in its first full year. One of its rivals will be Vauxhall's attractive Tigra, but the Ford is far more

The car is being launched in a blaze of publicity and some of the first owners are being offered a free day trying out the Puma on the track at Brands Hatch in Kent or Oulton Park in Cheshire. (Customers will not be driving their own Pumas, the company adds thoughtfully.) The day will include tuition from a top-class instructor on how to get the best out of the car.

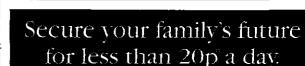
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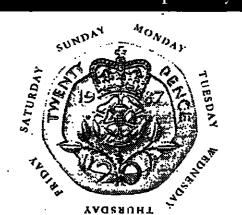
ready underway with a silver car sporting blue underbody lighting and a video screen built into the nearside window stalking the "style conscious and young at heart" in major

he Puma is likely to be bought by 25 to 35year-olds, believes the company — and by people in their fifties who want a sporty car but not one that is

This age group is targeted by Ford's advertising campaign, which is based on the 1960s movie Bullitt, set in San Francisco, which starred the late Steve McQueen and included a car chase that has become a cinema classic. For the television ad, clever technology has McQueen "driving" not his raucous V8 Mustang, but ... a Puma.

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That Cobra feeling: every movement, every contour of the road is transmitted direct to the driver, it is alive the combination of power and a Every movement, every contour of demonstration laps began with an lightweight chassis is exhilirating the road is transmitted direct to the old-fashioned Le Mans start, in which drivers ran across the track

corners. ·

driver; it is alive. was enjoying this personal bit of

nostalgia as part of an exercise in corporate nostalgia by Ford who had sent the Cobra and a road-going GT40 to join the Royal Sun Alliance Cavalcade, the annual convoy of classics connected with the 24-hour race, which drives from London to Le Mans and tours the circuit a few hours before the race begins to one of

switched to the GT40 for the track and getting through the doors and squeezing my legs under the scuttle was no mean feat. Once I'd disentangled my trouser

leg from the gearstick we tore off in pursuit of the procession. But at least a late start gave me a chance to hit 130mph on the Mulsanne straight a potent reminder in the week of the Puma's launch that Ford has a record

and jumped into cars before haring

off after a pace car. In the Cobra it

would have been easy, but I'd

in the unlikely picturesque setting of said one recent description. Thames Ditton, the Surrey village But a traffic jam in the wet was no where the AC factory straddled the place to find out about this car, born when American Carroll Shelby had You don't have to drive very long the inspiration to shoehorn a big to understand the Cobra mystique: Ford V8 engine into the AC Ace, one

of the most beautiful of British 1950s

roadsters.

The only thing to do was take a side

road at the first possible opportunity,

let the burble of the 5-litre engine build into a satisfying roar and hope

that the map was good enough to re-establish our route later.

I'd wanted to drive a Cobra ever

since, as a teenager too young to

drive, I had watched the unpainted

bodies being wheeled across the road

even when you're being ultra cautious in the rain. At times it felt fast enough to dodge the raindrops; I knew it wasn't, but in a car such as this sensation is at least as important as performance. The following day in the dry the power simply swept the car into motion, the steering went light with acceleration and both ends skipped and hopped on uneven

No wonder the car has become a cult if you find modern cars bland. cushioned and air-conditioned cocoons and you like the "feel" of driving it would be hard to beat.

the biggest cheers of the weekend. Led by a string of Bentleys, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the

So I 'ired this Transit, right? Everyone gives me a wide berf and it did the job a treat, squire . . . I'd better take another couple of aspirin and lie down

Yes, I was that white van driver

at that geezer in the playin at (winds down window]? 'Ere, wotcha playin' at, ya moron, ya wanna take the clockwork gear outa that motor and fit it wiv an engine, I 'aven't got all day mate [throws polysterene cup out of window followed by Mars bar wrapper].

The above paragraph was written before I took two aspirin and had a lie down. I feel much better now, but I may yet have to write to Dr Dashboard, Car 97's resident MD (Doctor of Motoring), to effect a full recovery from the experience that I underwent this week.

First, some context. Regular readers may recall white van cussed in this column after it had

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

been identified by my colleague Tim Austin, who is not a car but a journalist on this newspaper. Austin had noticed that the drivers of white vans appeared to have a penchant for driving like lunatics. They seemed, for example, to steer with their knees, a skill

developed as a consequence of driving with a cup of tea in one hand while the other made assorted gestures, none commonly associated with Sir Simon Rattle.

So I wrote about white van syndrome, wondering if the vans brought on the behaviour or people inclined to such behaviour were attracted to white vans. You wrote in your hundreds. You produced long theoretical tracts, as if hoping for a degree in white van syndrome.

You sent photographs of white vans parked at crazy angles halfway up people's gardens and in front of emergency exits. Some of you said the syndrome was not to do with the colour of the vans, and attested to examples of red and blue vans being driven as if by suicide bombers trained in Iran. A woman reader who drives a sports car with the top down in

summer wished she had a pound for every learing male who had leant out of a van beside her at traffic junctions offering anatomical speculation as to the relationship between her legs and other parts of her body. All seemed to think her name was Darlin'. The excitement eventually died

down. Until this week, when I

found myself at the wheel of a Ford for it is roomy, fast and easy to drive. It is also intimidating: there is no question of having to give Transit, colour white. Honest, I didn't mean it. It was all to do with daughter and her flatmate way to other drivers, because you moving from one flat to another, have no sooner considered doing

climbing the hedge and waving a white flag. A Transit might as well shift one or two items in and one or two items out. be a Sherman tank for all the I soon discovered why the Transit enjoys near-legendary status, resistance it encounters.

meaning that I was required to

me, but the driver could not believe his eyes. A white van! Giving way! It was a mirage. The driver sat on the crown of the road and in the end I had to carry on past him. The most revealing thing was not the behaviour of others but the

At one point I slowed then stopped to let a car cross in front of

condition of the Transit's cab. I carried out an inventory before starting the journey. A crisp bag containing one crisp under the driver's seat; the filter tips from five cigarettes: part of, yes, a polysterene cup, as if bitten off in fury, a piece of string tied to the gear lever; a matchbox containing no matches:

Above all, one could have conjured a whole van-life from the front parcel shelf. It looked as if a dozen takeaway curries had been deposited upon it without benefit of plates. Something decidedly ugly had congealed above the speedometer housing and was slowly turning into pencillin. Stains ran this way and that, widening and narrowing, like an

outline of the Mekong Delta.
You will have guessed that I did. not hire this Transit from Hertz, but hey, needs must. And it did the job a treat, squire. Oops, I must

Ian Morton on car advertising budgets — and that runaway French winner

Nicole and Papa reflect success

back on our television screens their seventh series extolling the desirability of the Renault Clio.

Renault's view is: Don't change a winning formula. The adverts, regularly cited by industry researchers as the most readily remembered by the public, have helped make the Clio the top-selling import-ed car in the British market and tenth best-seller overall.

Yet in May the Renault Megane pushed the Clio out of that tenth slot, the public wooed by a very different sort of television ad approach. As Nicole and Papa hurry back in support of the Clio and simultaneously the campaign for the Scenic version of the Megane gets into its stride, media connoisseurs look forward to an interesting bit of sibling rivalry between the two ranges.

Thatever happens the winners in every motor marketing battle will be the media. According to confidential industry figures, over the 15 months from January last year to the end of March this year (the latest meaningfully lengthy period for which totals have been calculated) carmakers poured more than £145 million into all ad campaigns - £345,238 a day - about 12 per cent up on the preceding period.

Biggest target audience was the newspaper and magazine reader - 271.6 million of advertising - and the print media remained the one most consistently used by all. Television viewers watched the results of £64.2 million worth of ad investment, motorists passed £6 million in roadside posters and listened to £2.6 million of radio ads. Cinema audiences faced less than El million of bombardment. Top of the British ad league

was Ford, which invested more than £19 million in its battle to stay top of the sales charts. Advertising cost the company E38.61 for each car it sold, while Ford's outlay was nearly dou-ble that of closest rival Vauxhall and not such good value per sale. Vauxhall's expenditure was £10.8 million, a rate of £29.95 per registration. Rover Group fell between them at £35.57 per sale.

With bills totalling more than Ell million, Renault was second-biggest media spender

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Renault's "Parallel Lives" campaign: Nicole and Papa have achieved levels of consumer awareness for the Clio envied by other carmakers

ZAFIRA JOINS THE PURSUIT OF THE SCENIC

■ EVERYBODY wants one. In the wake of the success of Renault's Megane Scenic -European Car of the Year comes another mini peoplemover from Vauxhall, writes

Kevin Eason. This week the company announced the Zafira, a seven-seater built on the chassis of the trusty Astra, which will compete directly with the Scenic and a version coming shortly from Ford, being built at Halewood on Merseyside.

But don't hold your breath because Vauxhall says its mini-MPV will not be on sale until 1999, by which time the Scenic will not only have had time to become the market best-



Zafira: announced, but will not be on sale until 1999

seller but probably go through a facelift too. The trick is to put a tall body on to a short chassis, so the Zafira is only 14ft 2ins long, about the same as the current Astra estate, but stands 5ft 5ins high for

better all-round visibility. Little will change under the bonnet, with Vauxhall's 16valve, 1.6-litre or the 2-litre direct injection diesel providing the power. Expect it to compete on price with the Scenic's £12,995-£16,595.

in Britain. In view of the company's comparatively modest 6.4 per cent UK market share, the level of advertising was on the high side at £64.4) per car. but other French manufacturers invested quite heartily too, with Peugeot spending at a rate of E51.22 per car and Citroen at £62.70.

Fiat felt it had a lot to say about its refreshed ranges and spent 179.08 per car in doing so, but the German contingent disbursed much more modestly, and at £21 a car BMW was particularly efficient in view of the prices of its models.

It is certainly less expensive to sustain a reputation than to create one, and newconters spent heavily to become known. Kurean entrant Dae-

by David Long and Les Evans

woo demonstrated the breadupon-waters principle by spending £149.77 per registra-tion, while Chrysler laid out E312.84 per vehicle to reestablish its name here.

enting a name back into respectable circulation after a lapse can be even more expensive, as Alfa Romeo discovered, investing £323.19 per registration to present its aggressive new face to the UK market. Breaking new ground can be pricier still: biggest spender per unit over the period was Mitsubishi, disbursing £329.74 per registra-tion as it promoted Carisma, its new European-built range from the Netherlands.

Meanwhile, Nicole and Papa have broken ad industry records. Marketing experts expect an average of 42 per cent of adults to become aware of a TV campaign for any type of car, and not all can remember accurately the make or model

that was featured. But surveys show that by contrast, 89 per cent of adults are aware of the Nicole and Papa ads, 80 per cent link them with Renault and 78 per cent remember that they feature the Clio. These are levels of awareness envied by every other carmaker, and have helped to hoist the reputation of Renault UK's London-based agency Publicis — and UK advertising generally — to the top of the creative tree.

NEWS IN BRIEF

WHO SPENDS MOST PER CAR

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FORD (£19.099 million)

ROVER (£9.836m)

VAUXHALL (£10.799m)

MERCEDES (£1.345m)

BMW (£1.550m)

HONDA (£4.689m)

NISSAN (£8,419m)

FIAT (£8.499m)

ALFA ROMEO (£2.268m)

■ SUZUKI GB has recalled its £8,000 sporty TLI000S motorcyle for the fitting of a steering damper because of concern about its handling. The 150mph bike was introduced in February, since when two riders have been involved in fatal accidents. A company spokesman denied that the recall was an admission of a defect: "We are simply responding to some concerns and are providing the steering damper as a performance enhancement. Any owner who is worried about the rotary damper can return the bike to a dealer, who will look at it free of charge."

TIM Henman did not have to wait like the rest of the Mercedes enthusiasts desperate to get their hands on the natty new SLK. Waiting lists stretch up to two years for the car, much-praised for its styling and fun. But Britain's top tennis player has signed a two-year sponsorship deal with the company - and gets a new SLK roadster as part of the deal. In return, look for the three-pointed star on Henman's shirt when Wimbledon gets under way. Apparently, Tim is a Mercedes enthusiast - who wouldn't be with a free SLK on offer?

BMWs are such a favourite with thieves in Mexico that the cumpany is offering £29,000 security conversions on 3series cars. The conversions make a 328i up to 550lbs heavier than the standard car, with the windscreen up to three-quarters of an inch thick, an inch-thick rear window and special tyres that can run when flat.

■ BARONESS Hayman, the Government's Transport Minister in the Lords, has not entirely embraced at least one alternative means of transport to ease Britain's appalling congestion problems. She has promised her two sons £1.000 each when they are 21 -- provided they do not smoke or take up riding a motorcycle. As one is 18 and the other 20, payout time is on its way . . . though the

buys were obviously never seen in the school bike sheds.

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roadworks with tane closure at A12 roundabout. A4 Pali Mali. Roadworks on westbound carriageway at King Street and Waterloo

Place. A302 Westminster. Roadworks on Bridge Street by Parliament Square. A306 Hammersmith Bridge, Closed both ways to general traffic for structural

A406 Upper Edmonton. Major roadworks on Angel Road (North Circular) over Lea Valley viaduct. A4 South Kensington. Major roadworks on Cromwell Road. Regular delays from Earls Court or beyond. B317 West Kensington. North End Road closed northbound from A4 to A315, with one-way traffic

Hammersmith Road. SOUTH-EAST M40 Buckinghamshire. Long-term roadworks with contraflow between junctions 1a (M25) and 3 Wycombe East). A127 Southend Roadworks on Victoria Avenue

at junction with Caemarvon eastbound on North Western Avenue from Hunton Bridge roundabout to

interchange. M20 junction 4, West Mailing, Kent. Long-term works for erection of traffic signals on the slip roads and

roundabout. Various lane closures. M40 Oxfordshire. Resurfacing work between Watlington and Oxford. Drivers heading to junction 8 of the M40 from Oxford are advised to use A40 and A418.

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M25 junctions 8-10, Surrey. Restrictions and lane closures both ways between Reigate and A3. SOUTH-WEST
 B4051 Bristol, Ashley
 Road, Saint Pauls, Temporary lights at juriction with Sussex Place. M5 junctions 18-19, Bristol.

Contraflow across Avonmouth Bridge with 50mph limit. A40 Cheltenbarr Gloucestershire. Temporary lights for roadworks on Old Bath Road. A3088 near Yeovil. Cartgate Link Road closed. A36 Limpley Stoke, Wiltshire. Temporary lights on Warminster Road.

MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA A1 Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, Construction work with contraflow and lane closures.

A1 Peterborough. Works at Haddon interchange with repairs to the A1M. A6 Lockington, Leicestershire, Long-term roadworks between M1 junction 24 and Sawley Island. A1074 Norwich. Narrow

lanes eastbound on Dereham Road. A52 Beeston. Major roadworks on Derby Road. Delays between Sherwin Arms and Priory roundabouts A500 Stoke-on-Trent. Staffordshire. Contraflow on The Queensway (D road), with only one lane open each

A50 Stoke on Trent, Major construction work at Meir. ● NORTH

A689 between A19 and A1185, north of Middlesbrough at Wolviston, Durham, reduced to one lane.

M62 East Riding, Reduced to one lane between Howden and North Cave with 50mph limit. Blackley, Greater Manchester, Major roadworks

at junction of Rochdale. Road, Victoria Avenue and Manchester New Road. A663 Chedderton. Contraflow on Broadway ne Foxdenton-Lane. A567 Bootle. Stanley Road

closed northbound betwee Merton Road and The roadworks with two lanes each

way between Thomaby-on-Tees and Billingham. Only one lane on some slip roads. 50mph limit. M1 West Yorkshire, Major: roadworks continue around Leeds junction with lane closures and speed restrictions. Delays on M1. M621 and Dewsbury Road. A1058 Tyne and Wear. Cradlewell bypass down to one lane each way.

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 M8/M898 Renfrewshire. Erskine Spur exit slip closed as is the exit slip from M898 to M8 westbound. A726 East Rentrewshire. Works and temporary lights or Clarkston Toll. Delays on all

approaches. ◆ WALES A470 Liandinam, Powys. Temporary lights for roadworks. A48 Carmarthen, Lane closures at Pensam roundabout, also on the A484, for roadworks. A449 Monmouthshire. Roadworks between Usk Junction and M4 junction 24 Newport. Expect long

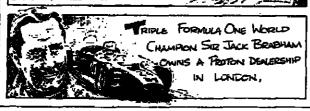
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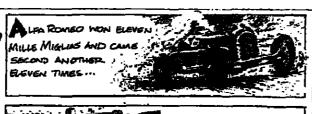
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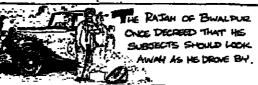
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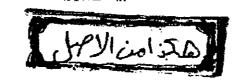
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GOODWOOD FESTIVAL OF SPEED: A WEEKEND OF ELECTRIFYING MOTORSPORT ACTION

Motoring masterclass where the legendary aces raced

Vaughan Freeman learns a lot about his driving skills on the famous circuit

The Goodwood circuit is among the most famous in the world and has changed little since 1965 when Jim Clark won the last Formula One race

to be held there.
Great Formula One names such as Fangio, Stewart, Moss and Hawthorn all raced on the 2.4-mile circuit in one of the most picturesque parts of Opened on a disused air-

field in 1948, the circuit thrived and was one of the most popular with drivers for the warmth of its welcome and its lush setting. In the Sixties though, a series of cruel accidents struck: in 1962, Stirling Moss almost lost his life there when he crashed. He was in a coma for weeks and never raced again. Four years later, Bruce McLaren was killed

while testing his CanAm. But today, the enthusiasm of Lord March has renovated the house and rejuvenated it as a place for racing again. Today sees the start of the Goodwood Festival of Speed when enthusiasts get the chance to see cars and drivers who are among

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the legends of motorsport. But now Lord March plans to go further and reopen the circuit, which has only been used for demonstration drives and his private use, for historic racing, which will evoke

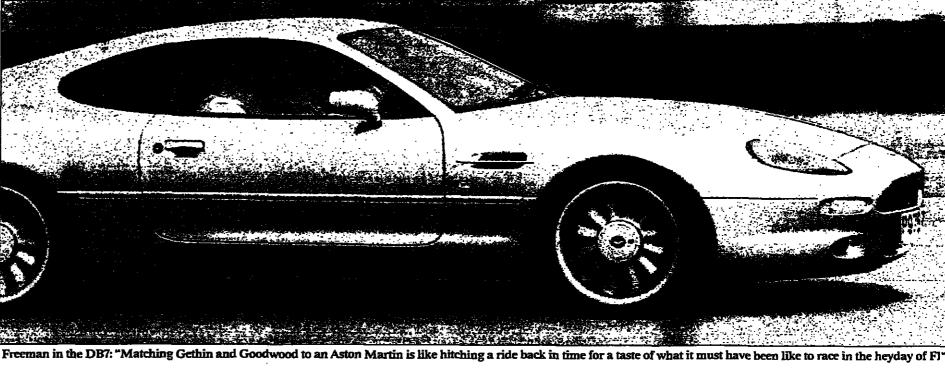
of motor sport when drivers duelled wheel to wheel and were personalities who were close to their fans.

Drivers like Peter Gethin, one of the unsung names in British motorsport, who knows every inch of the circuit. The man who won the fastest ever grand prix runs his own school there. Matching Gethin and Goodwood to an Aston Martin is like hitching a ride back in time for a taste of what it must have been like to race in the heyday of Fl.

His driving courses are open to corporate as well as to individual drivers and mix and match instruction on the road as well as on the Goodwood circuit.

The day starts, not flat out down Goodwood's Lavant Straight but in the circuit classroom with instructor Jem Ballantyne. Here we chat about the sort of driving I do, any crashes (none) in recent years, any speeding tickets (well, it wasn't my fault), and other matters relating to my style of driving.

Ballantyne says: "We get Aston drivers down here and lots of Ferrari drivers, what you might call classic high performance car owners, but every modern car is capable of 100mph, which only 15 years ago or so would have earned it a High Performance tag. The





"Any feeling of confidence is shattered when Gethin points out where Moss almost died"

of being involved in an accident. Remember, a man has a one in 250 chance of dying in a road accident during his driving lifetime. For a woman it is one chance in 850."

Now it is time to drive well, almost. First, I have to read a number plate three times further away than the 67ft stipulated in the driving

DB7, checking petrol, oil, water, electrics and rubber (the tyres). This check, says Ballantyne, should be done daily, weekly at the very least.
Out on the road, Ballantyne

sits quietly while I drive. Then come the questions: What did that sign mean? Was that dog on a lead? Were the front wheels of that parked car

move off? I am marked down for poor use of mirrors, shallow observation and overuse of gears and am told to repeat:

"Brakes to slow, gears to go."

After lunch, it is trackside with Gethin. He drives us round in his own Volvo TS, showing the cones that mark the braking and turning in points. After half-a-dozen laps

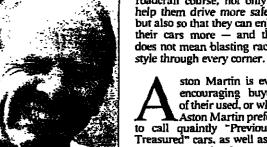
confidence is shattered when Gethin points out where Stir-ling Moss almost died. If Moss could not master Goodwood, how can !?

At last I am at the wheel of the Aston, a DB7. I feign a relaxed air as I try to remember it all: brake, brakes off, turn in, power on. Brake in straight lines, don't brake and turn, do not accelerate too soon through corners, keep it

By the end, Gethin's sense of humour is firmly intact as he says: "You managed all the corners perfectly — however. not all on the same lap."

But how can circuit driving make you safer on the road? On the circuit we are showing the lines, the gears needed for each corner, the turn-in points and exit points of each corner, Gethin says. "The idea is the same for driving on the road, to keep it as smooth and as balanced as possible. Try to imagine that you have a box of eggs on the bonnet and every time you brake hard or jerk the car they will fall off."

A week later, my "end of term" reports arrived. Gethin writes, in what I insist on taking as a compliment: "At no time was I frightened by Vaughan." My report from Ballantyne tells me I must concentrate harder and improve my observation of what nine on all around me



Try to imagine that you have a box of eggs on the bonnet'

PETER GETHIN

Despite the "must try harder summary, it has been a great day. The Gethin courses help to cut company car fleet accidents by up to 60 per cent

and keeping up a mental

commentary is one way of

improving your concentration. They are also great fun. Aston Martin and Ferrari are among the manufacturers o now encourage their cus-

tomers to complete the Gethin roadcraft course, not only to help them drive more safely, but also so that they can enjoy their cars more — and that does not mean blasting racer-

encouraging buyers of their used, or what Aston Martin prefers to call quaintly Previously Treasured" cars, as well as of new cars, to take the course. Spokesman Bill Donnelly, says: "Although this facility has always been available to customers of new Aston Martins, we believe that the majority of purchasers of previously treasured Aston Martins will be coming to the marque for the first time.

"We and our dealers do everything possible to ensure the fitness and pedigree of the car, and we felt it appropriate to assist our customers to hone

their driving skills." If this is a way to hone driving skills, then every driver should take the chance. Driving a fast car around a circuit with the history of Goodwood is not an experience to miss. You almost feel the presence of the legendary racers.

 Peter Gethin Driving Courses. Goodwood Motor Circuit, Chichester. West Sussex, POIS OPH. Tel; 01243 778118



It was a damned close-run thing: Gethin takes the chequered flag at Monza in the blink of an eye with Peterson, Cevert and Hailwood all breathing down his exhaust pipe

Harrier, Tornado, Red Arrows . . . and the cars

Something for all the family on the ground or in the air

otor racing stars

past and present will be out in force today as the action begins in earnest on the second day of the Festival of Speed. Tony Dawe writes. The event also offers activities for spectators of all ages on "Family Day." On the 1.16-mile course, winding past Goodwood House and uphill through the trees to the Top Paddock, 160 of the world's greatest racing cars and motorbikes will be practising for tomorrow's events, watched over by Lord

March, owner of the historic house and motorsport fanatic. Reflecting this year's theme. Decades of Power", they will include grand prix cars and formidable machines from the Canadian-American (CanAm) Challenge Cup series, driven by legendary names such as Stirling Moss, John Surtees, Emerson Fittipaldi and current Formula One stars, John-

ny Herbert and Eddie Irvine. In the Molecomb activity field, visitors will be able to drive off-road vehicles and dune buggies or ride in a Chieftain tank and amphibi-



Lord March, owner of Goodwood House and motorsport fanatic, with a Porsche Carrera GT beside the hillclimb track

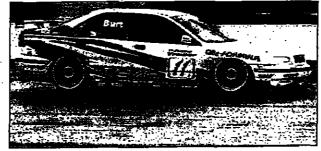
ous troop carrier, while overhead an RAF Harrier and RAF Tornado will perform their routines. Among the displays on the Sussex Downs site is a special exhibition sponsored by Car 97 to mark Ferrari's 50th birthday.

Tomorrow is "The Garden Party of the Gods", emphasising how the Festival has taken its place in the British summer season, nestling neatly between Royal Ascot and Wimbledon.

Events on the track, where

spectator facilities have been improved with new grandstands and more raised viewing, will be the centre of attraction, but the stylish exhibitions in the superb setting will play their part in adding to the atmosphere.

In the sky, the RAC's new airship, The Spirit of Mobility, will move sedately over the Downs, filming the event and providing guidance on the road conditions outside, while the Red Arrows will fly past at more devastating speed.



The Volvo S40, a saloon made into a racing car by TWR, which makes Damon Hill's Arrows Formula One car. This British Touring Car Championships entrant will be among the stars

Grand prix triumph

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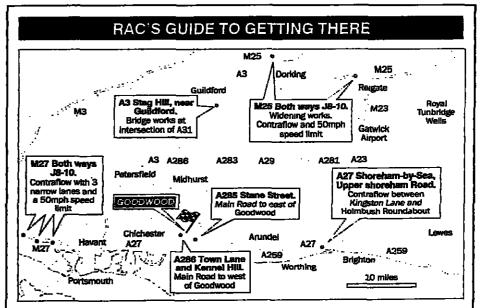
SPLIT-SECOND HISTORY

dredth of a second with four cars dashing for the line in the 1971 Italian Grand Prix at Monza is as close as it gets. Peter Gethin will go down in history for that victory in his BRM, which was also the fastest Formula One race on record, with an average speed of about 150mph, writes Kevin

It was not just the finish but the remarkable line-up of star drivers Gethin beat to record his only grand prix victory: Ronnie Peterson, François Cevert and Mike Hailwood were breathing down Gethin's exhaust pipe as he punched the air in jubilation.

Emerson Fittipaldi, Graham Hill and Chris Amon. while a young chap called Jackie Stewart failed to finish that day but went on to win the world championship Tyrreli-Ford that season.

Gethin, now 57, remains largely unknown in the pantheon of British grand prix drivers, but he enjoyed an enviable record in all forms of motorsport, moving up from a successful career in Formula 5000 to F1 when he joined the McLaren team after the death of Bruce McLaren. From McLaren, he went on to BRM before going back to F5000, then retiring in 1977.



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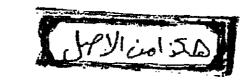
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Stuart Birch wonders if programming cars to 'read' a driver's mind is fun rather than psychoanalysis

'Hello, this is your engine. Now I just want you to relax'

are aggressive with the accelerator and brakes; corners are taken at speed, the engine revs to the red line.

But your car knows you well; it carries out a quick session of psychoanalysis, deciding that you are having a bad day and that your driving judgment may be impaired. its computers and sensors

Suddenly, the engine note becomes softer, quieter. The throttle might still be on the floor, but the car no longer sounds as if it is taking part in a grand prix; there is an ambience of calm. Subconsciously you ease off the speed, blood seeps back into the knuckles of your hands gripping the wheel, your heart rate slows, muscles relax. The car has soothed you, made you a safer driver.

Silly science fiction? "Not at all." says Rudolf Bisping. "We are creating pleasant sounds for safer driving.

Prof Bisping is an expert in the new science of automotive pscyho-acoustics and believes it has an important role to play in reducing accidents. A consultant psychologist, he is working with engineers from Vauxhali and Opel, General Motors' European arm, and acoustics specialists, researching techniques to create cars that will read a driver's mind, interpret mood swings and use sound as a calming influence - a potential antidote for road

Already, automatic gearboxes are able to "learn" from the way a car is driven, to provide Prof Bisping believes psychoacoustics will use similar

"A car would 'learn' the personality of its driver - in effect it would psychoanalyse him or her and take appropri ate action to ensure safety and comfort by producing pleasant sounds in the car. A driver can not only see speed but can listen to it in terms of engine noise. We could reduce that noise - take the aggressive edge off it. For some cars though, which are quiet even when being driven very fast, we could have added noise transmitted to the interior to warn the driver. In both cases, the result would be safer

Prof Bisping has been developing the theory for five years ties laboratory in Germany, where engineers are reducing contribute to the environment. Since 1980, legislation has ensured that new cars are 75 and engine noise controlled.

noise, now the major culprit. But simply making cars as quiet as possible inside and out is not the total aim. Cars that make little external noise give virtually no warning to and those with minimal noise inside may fail to communicate vital signals to the driver about rate of acceleration or

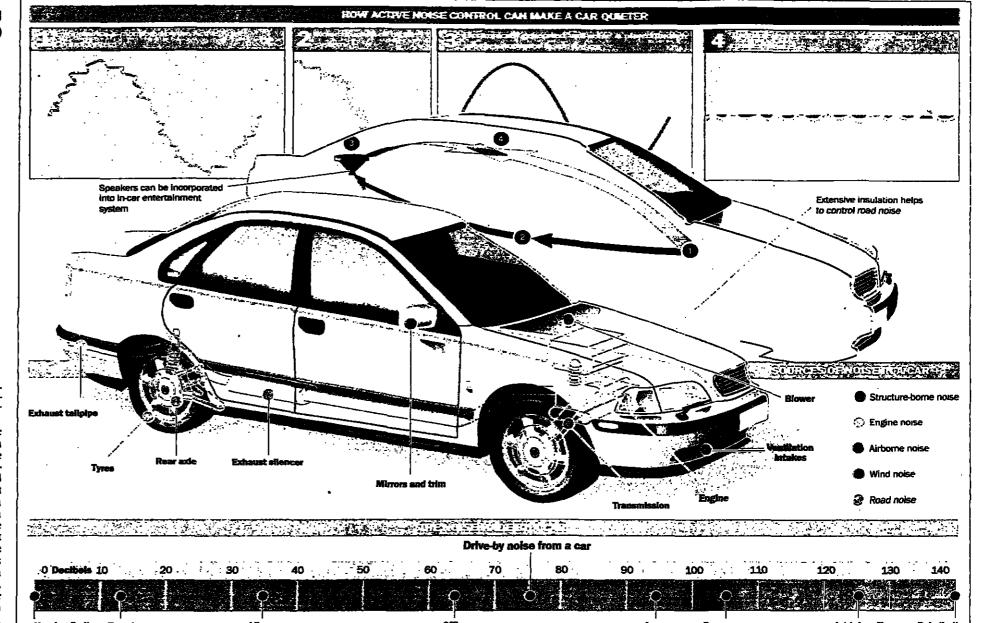
For acoustics engineers, "noise"

technology.

and GM has just invested £12 million in an extensive acousthe amount of noise cars per cent quieter. With exhaust the focus is on lowering tyre

speed. What is needed is "noise management".

usually describes



something undesirable, while "sound" is a pleasant experience. Active Noise Control (ANC) uses good sounds to cancel bad noise.

ngine, intake and exhaust noise in many cars — particularly those with four cylinders - often create annoying vibrations or booms. ANC uses microphones to pick up this noise, feeds it through a processor which calculates the anti-vibration factor needed and sends it back through the car's loudspeakers - cancelling the problem noise.

technique has known for more than 60 years but only one or two manufacturers have tried it. GM says its version is ready but it is not sure that customers would be willing to pay for it, at about £180. They probably would if they knew more about it.

Bernd Kessner, manager of Vauxhall-Opel's noise and vibration department, says the job of psycho-acoustics is to compose a defined back-ground of sound.

Noise can be an important safety aspect. A completely inaudible engine dilutes the impression of speed. A sound generator creates the noise and varies it as a function of the accelerator pedal and the engine speed, the loudspeakers of the audio system transferring it to the car's interior."

Breathing rate, heart rate, muscular tension and even hormone production may all which is where Prof Bisping and psycho-acoustics come in.

We are trying to get cars to 'talk' in a certain way. A system might detect that a driver likes high engine speeds, which may be no problem on the autobahn. But



Bisping: five years' theory

when the vehicle's sensors detect that it is on perhaps, a slippery, winding road, they would regard such speed as unwise. So the system will try to contain speed by the subtle use of sound."

One problem is ensuring the cabin is not quiet to the point where the driver fails to appreciate his speed. It is a complex

The car would take appropriate action to ensure safety and comfort by producing pleasant sounds'

equation, but even sceptical mechanical engineers are being won over to psychoacoustics. They have spent decades taking noise out of cars — now they accept that there are circumstances when it can be beneficial to put back certain types of sound.

But what of people using sporty cars who are sufficient-

ly responsible and competent to drive them hard and fast without the need for psychoanalysis and hush-a-bye-baby soothing? I stepped into what appeared to be, except for some

test equipment, a perfectly normal Vauxhall Corsa. I drove on to GM's Dudenhofen test track, accelerated hard and the little car's subdued engine note was suddenly transformed into the roar of a Ferrari on full throttle. Would you prefer a power-

ful motorcycle?" asked the engineer with me in the car. The engine note changed to the high-revving wail of a superbike. "Or perhaps just a fairly powerful sports car?" Now the engine note became a pleasant growl and the Corsa. not a car renowned for its character, had acquired a whole new and far more interesting persona.

In theory this wonderful piece of sex-change technology could turn the world's most effete car into a roaring monster - on the inside. Outside it would be as quiet, self-effacing and environmentally responsi-

adly, GM says it will definitely not be putting the system on the optional extras list. They feel it might incite people to drive beyond the design capability of their car.

Possibly. But a mild version would give some sporty, though acoustically bland, cars the sort of subdued growl that is often sadly lacking. So you might set off in the morning in Ferrari mood, or fancy a touch of Honda NSX. Ford GT40 or classic Alfa Romeo.

Sorry, Prof — it sounds fun rather than psychoanalysis.

KEVIN EASON BELLOWS FOR SONGS BY ELLA FITZGERALD BUT HIS DASHBOARD CAN'T HEAR

My wife gives me no such problems

TWO GROWN men in a car, one reading from a booklet, the other shouting furiously at the dash-board. John Cleese would have turned this into a sketch for Fawlty Towers. You see, there is a point at which

technology outstrips its usefulness to become nothing more than a gadget, a gizmo, a piece of equipment with no meaning beyond the fact that it can do a range of things, most of which you did not even know you needed doing. So there were two earnest correspondents of this esteemed newspaper locked in battle with the latest gizmo: the voice control compact disc selector

as fitted to a Honda Prelude. instead of having to make that tiring motion of raising an arm to press a button or take a CD from its container by hand, the idea is that you shout into a little microphone and the machine does it all for you. (Actually, I always thought that was why we motorists took our wives along; you know, to supply the toffees and change

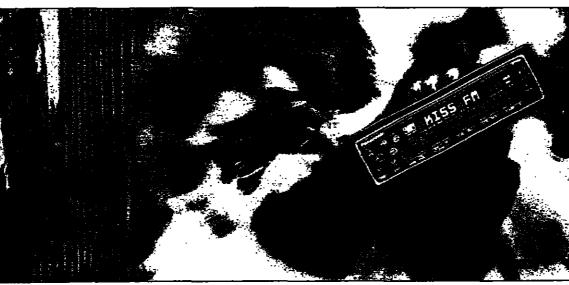
the CDs. Never mind.) Anyway, the trick was mastering the complex mechanics of the Pioneer system. With, what my family tells me is a mental age of 14, I have no fear of technology and will happily press buttons with the best until any piece of machinery is close to destruction.

But an hour of press-and-hope failed to result in the machine changing any disc in the boot-mounted cassette. So we had to resort to the instructions. And reading instructions for any electrical appliance is like trying to read the Bible in Hebrew: you know there's something good in there but can't work it out.

So, page 12. Ah yes. The chapter headed: "When you can't easily record or request a CD name", That's me.

saying it fast."

"If the name is too long when you say it, you'll hear 'The name is too long'. Hmmm, fair enough. The next time you say the name, shorten it by



Sound barrier: demons in the system can cause frustration while you're driving - big lungs are the answer

Someone, somewhere has obviously

mastered this device, I just know it and no doubt the letters will pour in

doubting my credentials as a master

of technology. But after hours of this

ridiculous charade which had me

playing Professor Stanley Unwin to the Honda's R2D2, I decided enough

was enough; I could whistle the rest of

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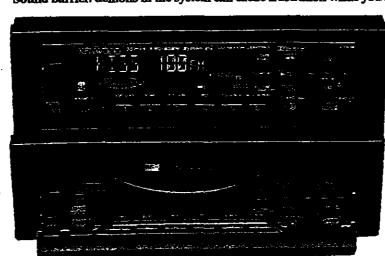
accidents are caused by motorists

fiddling with ultra-complex in-car

stereos but, if mobile phones are

deemed a menace, they must come a

the journey if need be.



Complex: more buttons than a Come Dancing contestant has sequins

There's a challenge if there ever was, one. Right: CDs loaded, microphone on and now select a disc. Ella Fitzgerald seemed a tasteful choice, so try an auctioneer-style gabble: "EiFgld". Short and sweet. Now, a week on from this precision piece of computer priming, what are the odds that I am going to remember my inspired piece of naming or going to be able to pronounce "ElFgld" again? Exactly. There is no hope.

Maybe I was treating it all too literally and should have gone for something informal: just Ella, or El or Check the display panels of some the latest sets and there are more buttons than a Come Dancing contestant has sequins on her frock. They can perform just about every function except put a man on the moon — but try seeking them out in the dark. Then your finger wanders the console as the simple act of dialling up Radio Five turns into a searching examination of your co-ordinative skills.

OBVIOUSLY, the best system is the one which works and is easy to use: Ford and BMW stand out as shining beacons among the car com-panies that have ploughed time and research into how the stereo console should operate and how much time it should take to engage the brain and make a choice.

Both have systems with a simple line of buttons so big a blind man could hit them without the aid of a guide dog, they are easy to understand and they sound fantastic.

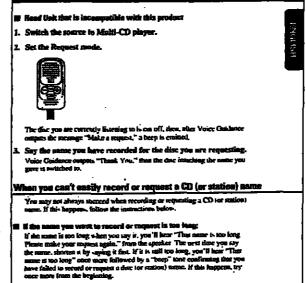
A voice-activated system obviously holds the potential benefits of keeping the motorist's eyes on the road while shouting up some jolly ElFgld classics. but it only reaps rewards if the driver does not have to spend two days educating the system to receive commands.

And where will it all end? Sometimes I wish the Dansette was the technological zenith with its six record-changer and chunky needle. Now there was a machine that we close second as a perilous distraction. could all handle.

AND FINDS A 22 MAP MORE USE THAN TECHNOLOGY



BMW's Hal: Even a dipstick knows you cannot turn left off a French autoroute at 85mph



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Misled by a blinking poor guide

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Trouble is that the resident Hal in the BMW 740iL which swished me to Le Mans last weekend seemed to be lost much of the journey. Even a dipstick knows you cannot turn left off a French autoroute at 85mph — but not Hal. "If possible, do a U-turn," he possible, do a U-turn, incintoned later as we sped happily on a fast A-road to our destination guided by our paper-and-fold map.

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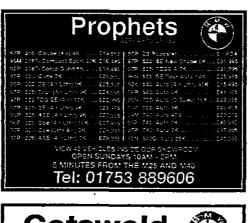
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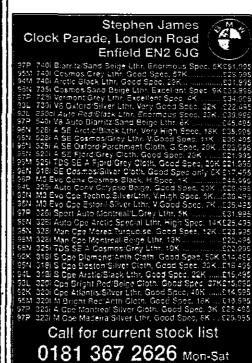
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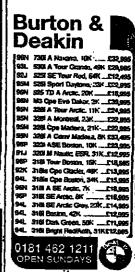




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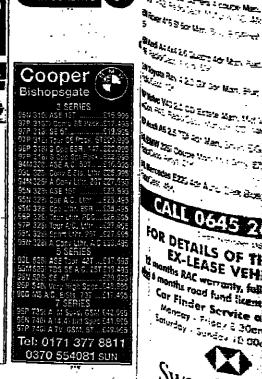
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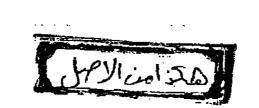
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SUMMERTIME is convertible time - good for Mazda. The Mazda MX-5 is fun, open-top motoring and as popular ever, reports :CAP Black Book.

The continuing popularity of the car is proven in excellent used values. Best buy is a 1.8i from 1992-93, which sold for £18,500 new and now costs around £12,000.

With the MX-5, Mazda set out to create a relatively cheap, rear-wheel two-door sportscar in the Lotus Elan tradition With pop-up headlamps, 1.6 and 1.8-litre twin-camengines and superb handling, it is a faithful recreation of the spirit of the Lotus classic.

The fold-down hood is remarkably wind and



rainproof, and the 1.8-

litre engine in particular is enjoyably responsive. Power steering, allround disc brakes and alloy wheels aid performance, safety and looks. There is a confusing array of special editions. starting with the Le Mans which marked Mazda becoming the first Japanese manufacturer to win the 24-hour endurance race. Only 24 of the turbo-charged specials were made and

Merlot specials come with leather trim, wood tash and CD player. Check for damp car pets or floor rust which could mean a leaking roof. Ensure headlights pop up. Side-impact bars became standard from January 1993, and driver side airbag from 1994.

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Punto ELX: the ride is brisk and purposeful and for the driver who likes a challenge, twisting country roads can be a joy

iat's Punto recently reigned as Europe's best-selling car yet sits only 12th in the UK popularity chart. Now the three-year-old range has been refreshed. Will we love it more?

If the chunky chiselled Punto lines have not already proved attractive, the latest revision_will hardly_swing things Fiat's way. Changed paint hues and fabrics and a scattering of colour-coded bumpers, new wheel trims and rubbing strips among various of the versions will hardly get us flocking in,

especially as prices are up by

ROAD TEST Ian Morton on the new Punto

1.7 per cent to range from £7,763 for the basic three-door to £14,979 for the drophead. But to judge on appearance alone would be to miss the point; the real story emerges on the move. The car deserves the courtesy of a test drive.

They have lost nothing of their Latin character in the process, for Fiat must observe the preferences of the domestic In its principal models, Fiat market which provides its powhas achieved the multum in er base. This little 1.2 whirls with a will, delivers 0-30 in pany contradiction with a

singular dynamic flourish, replacing the mainstream 1.6cated in nine seconds if you litre 90bhp unit with a 16-valve really work at it and new layers of sound-proofing do 86bhp version of the 1.2-litre unit, sharper, yet more eco-nomical. Add stiffer suspenlittle to contain its exuberance. What starts as a burly engine sion settings and adroitly note turns into a snarl at revised steering geometry and 4,500rpm and a waspish blare the models with this new as the 0,500 rev limit nears; if engine - most importantly the you can live with the noise, ELX family live-door - are second gear punches you to fluent as never before. 54mph, third shows almost 80 and fourth breaches 100.

Suspension has been modified to reduce body roll to zero and road-holding is obstinate beyond reason. The Punto just flows through the bends, cutting fast clean cornering arcs ual five-speed gearbox. Performance: 0-60mph in 9 sec-

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Equipment: Remote central locking, four-speed heat/vent system. Price: £10.853.

with neither sign nor chirrup of rubber. For the driver who likes a challenge, twisting country roads can be a joy. The ride is brisk, purposeful. and very much in keeping with the rest of the dynamics.

No changes have been rendered in the interior, beyond some cheerful new cloth de-Within the curvy modern idiom it retains its spaciousness, its sound conventional layout, its relative simplicity. Those already enamoured of Punto - 48,000 were brought in Britain last vear - will approve of what has happened to it.

Brakes, suspension and steering have all been uprated to make sure the Volvos are not only quick, but stay safely on the road, while prices will start at below £20,000 when the cars arrive in the autumn.



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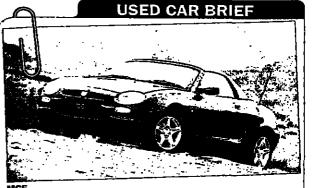
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designers behind the MGF were given their heads to create a not height adjustable and tall drivers will find themselves having modern, sale, comfortable, but fun sportster in the spirit of earlier to duck to see under the motoring, it works well,



Mid-engine layout gives excellent handling and road holding and safety is further enhanced by driver side airbag as standard, disc brakes, anti-lock braking (standard on VVC and optional on 1.8i) plus speed sensitive power steering on VVC.

(Prices supplied by Glassmatix 01932 823823) clutch assembly £215: full exhaust £519; catalytic converter £254; rear damper £55; front brakepads £61; alternator £164; starter motor £228; radiator £147.

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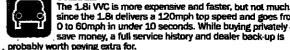
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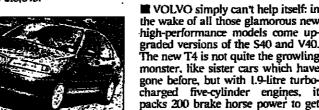
IF EVER a company needed a lift in this country to improve sales, it is Rover. No new models to speak of, no big announcements and continual doubts about the firm's future. Still, the company has made 250,000 of its 400 series saloons and hatchbacks and is adding air-conditioning as standard to most versions to try to blow a breeze through stagnant The 400 has never really captured

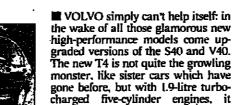
the public imagination with sales

steady, if unspectacular. The range seems imbued with Japanese-style common sense but little imagination, probably because it was the last product of the 16-year collaboration with Honda. New versions get seatbelt pre-tensioners, headlamp levelling and electric door mirrors to bring it into line with many competitors while prices range from E13,195 (on the road) to £18.095.



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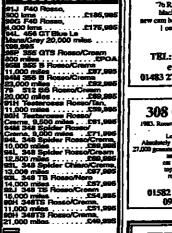
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Helen Mound receives expert advice from Geoff Mayes

otocross is a man's world or at least it was until girls like Katheryne Sherriff and Donna Cursons donned helmets ing up the mud on their 100cc motorbikes in an attempt to break down the sex barriers in

The teenagers have been riding motocross for little more than six months yet are already challenging the theory that muscle makes motorcyclists, even though they are finding it tough to break male

We don't tell many people at school about it in case the boys tease us," says Donna, who is 13. And perhaps that's why there are so few girls in motocross. Geoff Mayes, an instructor who runs schools around the country, says: "I teach a number of girls who eventually give up because they get teased at school." Kelly Ward, 11, knows how

to beat the intimidation. "By being very good." says her father, Doug. Kelly, who has been riding since she was seven, beats most boys her own age in competitions and, according to her father, "eats. sleeps and dreams motocross". Which is just as well because, like Donna and Katheryne, she admits she also hasn't dared to tell many of her schoolfriends about her

Last year, there were nearly 100 entrants aged six to 18 in the British Schoolgirl motopractice days up to about £500.

I took it up when I was 30 and loved it," she says. "But there are only about 20 adult women competing in the UK." The Southern Motocross

cross championship — but that's a tiny percentage of the estimated 50,000 motocross enthusiasts in Britain. Marion Walford, of the Motorsport for Women Club, says motocross simply doesn't appeal to women but many would enjoy it if they tried. Costs are relatively low: a second-hand bike is around £1,000 with another £500 for clothing and helmet plus race entry fees and

Club holds a ladies' champion-

From left, Kelly. Katheryne and Donna: a younger generation whose obsession with motocross will have to overcome prejudice and fear

ship often with fewer than 10 entrants, while the Northamptonshire club's ladies' championship was held last year with just four riders.

If there is to be female representation in this tough sport, then it seems it will have to come from a younger generation whose obsession will overcome prejudice and fear. Kelly discovers there are no

barriers out on the track, where she is capable of racing past bigger and much older riders with her balance and sheer determination. Her father drives her from their home in Sheffield to different competitions and practice ven-

camper van has clocked up thousands of miles in recent years travelling to events.

"And when we're not at events we're working on the bike," says Doug. Kelly isn't the only successful young girl that has an all-

consuming love for motocross though. Seven-year old Anna Myers, also from Sheffield, took up the sport last year and is already winning races. Her father. Dave, says: "She learnt to ride a bike almost before she could walk."

So how tough is it? I took a lesson with Geoff Mayes at Wildtracks in Newmarket, Cambridgeshire, and understood then why girls also want

to enjoy the astonishing physical thrill of the sport.

You need grit, determination, stamina and a great deal of strength. The week following my session on a 100cc Kawasaki, my aching muscles were testament to the

tand up to take the strain of the most vicious bumps and your calves and thighs work as an additional pair of dampers. Keep your weight towards the front wheels for balance and your forearms. shoulders and back work overtime taking the strain as you

The last thing I heard Geoff say as I roared off on to the junior circuit was: "Remember, don't turn your right hand too sharply because the throttle is sensitive and keep your arms and shoulders strong or you'll fall off the

bike backwards." Wise words from a former British motocross champion, so exactly why I didn't listen to him is a mystery. At my first corner, too much enthusiasm, too much throttle and too much learning resulted in my being hurled ungracefully to the ground.

Thankfully, the body armour, underneath the Lycra suit, plus the soft track surface saved me and regularly help to prevent many serious injuries in motocross though the key thing to remember is to get out of the way of your flying bike when

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It was a rough introduction but Britain has never had a female champion in motocross outside of the schoolgirl championships. Hmmm. maybe an incentive for more lessons.

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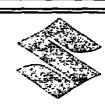
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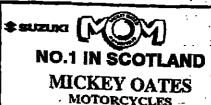
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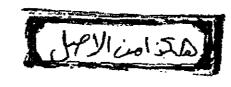


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Take a bit of Tornado jet fighter, add some Jaguar and the result is amazing. Vaughan Freeman reports

Is it a plane? Is it a car? No, it's Top Cat

art jet fighter, part Jaguar – and all mad-ness, the 23-feet long, l60mph "Top Cat" is a gleaming missile-shaped tribute to the more eccentric world

of bespoke motoring. Nothing turns heads like this unlikely machine which, for all its bizarre styling and construction, is taxed, insured and has an MoT, is very much street-legal and draws bigger crowds than even the most exotic Italian supercar.

Jaws drop when the machine rolls by, for it looks more like a plane that has lost its wings than a car. Driver and passenger sit tandem-style inside the perspex canopy which in a previous life did duty protecting the pilot of an RAF Tornado aircraft.

Under the hand-built glassfibre body is the stretched running gear of a Jaguar. The 5.3-litre VI2 engine sits at the rear, its shining chrome air intakes jutting up behind the canopy, and power is delivered to the rear wheels through a chain drive.

Getting in and out of the

beast requires some serious contortion. The front half of the canopy lifts up on hydrau-lic struts, so that the rear seat passenger must scramble over the folded down front seat and under the back half of the Tornado left-over. Then the driver slides in before pulling down the canopy. Once inside, on a hot day before the airconditioning kicks in, the sen-sation is like sitting in a mobile micro-wave cooker, not helped by the lush heat-retaining trim

The perspex canopy creates the feel of a greenhouse-cumgoldfish bowl on wheels, but the view, despite the car's lowslung stance, is sensational. There are none of the usual restrictions like a metal roof or door pillars.

On the move. Top Cat rumbles into life, that huge Jaguar engine burbling behind you. Matched to a fully automatic gearbox, the driver

needs only cope with a tiny throttle pedal and the brake. and a wooden steering wheel mounted joystick-style between the legs.

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Eagle tyres make for a some-

what lumpy ride but are necessary for the car to cope with its acceleration and a top speed in excess of twice the legal speed limit. uch a low-slung car would normally have

difficulties coping with bumps and speed humps, but a touch of a button activates the hydraulic system that lowers and raises the vehicle 10ins to enable it to Top Cat is the brainchild of

graphic designer and car en-thusiast Bill Carter, whose approach to its development was as unlikely as the looks of the end result. Instead of starting by sketching out the car on paper or computer, he began with chalk marks on his garage floor. He simply laid out the bits and pieces of the 1974 Jaguar donor car that

was to become the heart of Top Cat and then chalked in where two people, sitting one behind the other, needed to go.

Starting with the RAF Tornado canopy, picked up through a friend who worked in the aviation trade, the second-hand hunt did not stop there: the headlights come from a Vauxhall Calibra and the single windscreen wiper

from a JCB road digger.
To create the fibreglass body, all curves and sinuous flowing lines. Carter built up the shape using hundreds of pine strips over the car's skeleton to create the mould.

Carter, who works for Ordnance Survey and built the car as part of the organisation's exhibition programme, says: "As a kid I never had enough money to get things repaired so I had to do it all myself, and then started building cars to

match my sense of humour. Top Cat is the tenth I have built I started with the Tornado canopy, which is about the only thing I cannot make myself, and went from there. It

doing the bodywork. To be honest. I have always been a bit embarrassed by the car and would walk away from it quickly once I had parked. You feel awfully exposed in that bubble and if you get stuck in traffic it can be

took about 2,000 hours to build over 18 months, working nights and weekends, and more than half that was spent

Brown has no such coy

Top Cat: it began with chalk marks on a garage floor it is pretty much an obses-

John Brown recently added Carter's extraordinary cre-ation to his car and motorcycle collection, based near Royston iп Hertforshire, where it has been sharing garage space with a 1924 Cadillac, a 1963 Bristol Beaufighter, a 1909 Renault two-cylinder AX Voiturette and a 1972 Ford Mustng, among others.

reservations about driving it. But why put such a car, which would surely be more at home in a futuristic TV puppet show. amid such a classic collection? "I have always dealt in vintage, veteran and classic cars.

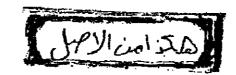
sion," he says. "I love buying and selling things that I enjoy. Which is why I bought this car, it is so extraordinary. It is so long it takes up two parking meter bays. It only does 10 miles to the gallon but it has some wonderful gadgets like the hydraulically-operated height adjustment. It really is a head turner.

"We went down to the fish and chip shop in it. There was a huge queue but everybody piled out into the street to look, which meant that we were able to nip in and get our supper without queueing



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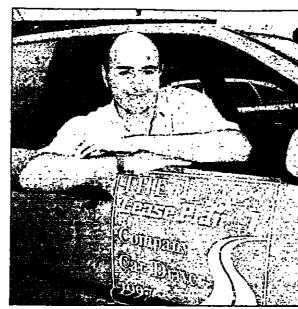
His expert choice of roads and accurate timing for a theoretical business trip was the decisive factor which enabled him to win the final heat in Coventry.

He scored seven points more on the exercise than runner-up Ian Perry, who finished six points behind overall. They were neck and neck on the other tests which included braking, manoeu-vring, fault-finding and onthe road motoring.

Stephen's expertise was hardly surprising. He used to be the route planner for a fleet of heavy lorries delivering goods for Linpac Plasbefore taking over as depot manager at Featherstone, Yorkshire.
"I still enjoy the challenge

of planning a journey with 20 or 30 deliveries to different parts of the country, but the company prefers to use a computer to do the job now," he said. "My present iob has cut down my company mileage to about 10,000 a year, but I still take a pride in my driving and enjoy taking my wife and two small boys to theme parks and the Lancashire and Yorkshire coasts."

Graham Edwards, winner of the other Coventry heat, is an equally enthusi-astic driver and covers 45,000 miles a year in his Renault Laguna as a technical salesman for the Adhe- company car drivers at



Robson: "The company uses a computer for the job now"



sives Division of National Starch and Chemicals, based at Slough.

"I am on the safety action group which is keen for company drivers to regard safety as a top priority," he said. "We undergo driver training with Drive Tech and 40 of the 60 regular Slough have passed tests set by the Institute of Advanced Motorists or Rospa." Graham's main concern

now is that his wife, Barbara, who is expecting their second child in mid-July. does not deliver early and interrupt his appearance in the final of the competition at Silverstone on July 4.

Travel in Atlantique style

A new generation of supercars is about

to arrive in Britain.

Tony Dawe reports

The launch in Britain this week of the race-bred, French-built Venturi Atlantique confirms that supercar salesmen believe the nation is ready once more for models with speed and style. The Atlantique will be followed by the Nissan Skyline GT-R, the first "budget" supercar, expected to retail at around E50,000.

Just to emphasise that elegance is all in Royal Ascot week, Aston Martin Lagonda has unveiled a derivative of the DB7, created exclusively for Alfred Dunhill and complete with a humidor for carrying fine cigars, a set of the company's carbon fibre pens and a Dunhill Millennium watch set in the facia panel.

The two-seat interior of the Atlantique features traditional full leather trim and walnut, but most enthusiasts will be more excited by its power, provided by an all-alloy 3-litre turbocharged Vo engine. This pro-duces 281bhp at 5,300rpm, enabling acceleration to 60mph in 5.5 seconds and a top speed of 174mph.

The supercar boasts a composite glassfibre body bonded to a separate steel chassis and is hand-built in a new factory at Coueron on the banks of the Loire near Nantes. Its pedigree includes a racing background and six finishes out of eight starts in the Le Mans 24-hour race.

The man behind its arrival is Nicholas Mee, a former Aston Martin sales executive who nows runs his own dealership in South Kensington, west London. He has taken delivery of the first right-hand drive Atlantique and predicts a waiting list of six to eight weeks for the £59,579 car.

The new factory is currently building 250 annually and I would be delighted to take 10 per cent of that number." he said. "The car is exceedingly quick without being temperamental or excessively thirsty, is an absolute delight to drive and very attractive."

The Skyline, which has only been available in Japan, will be unveiled at the London Motor Show and on sale in Britain from November 1 — with supply limited to 100. The "budget" supercar is also powered by a raceproven engine, a 2.6-litre, straight six,

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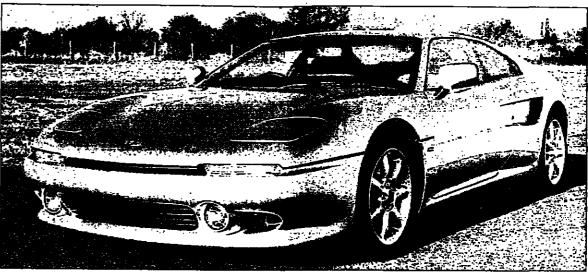
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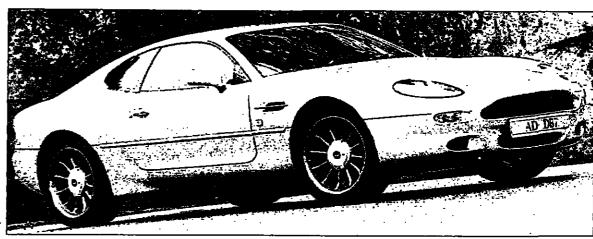
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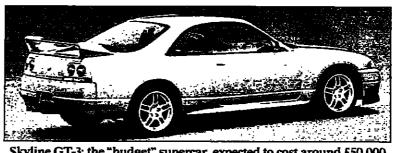
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Alfred Dunhill DB7: a humidor for fine cigars, a set of carbon fibre pens and a Dunhill Millennium watch



Skyline GT-3: the "budget" supercar, expected to cost around £50,000

24-valve unit capable of around 280bhp at 6,800rpm. It also features advanced vehicle control systems including fourdrive and Nissan's Super HICAS four-wheel steering system. Brian Carolin, Nissan's marketing

director. said: "Getting behind the wheel of the Skyline GT-R is one of the great driving experiences. We see it as a standard bearer for the rest of our range of vehicles."

The Alfred Dunhill DB7 will defi-

nitely not be for sale but will go on display at a series of company events worldwide this year. In addition to the humidor and carbon fibre pens. it displays design features from other Dunhill products incorporated in door handles, surround for the boot release. gear lever and wheel centres.

We hope that this is just the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between our companies." Bob Dover, Aston Martin chairman, said. "We are both traditional British companies with unique expertise, pedigree and experience in the design. manufacture and sale of bespoke tailored products."

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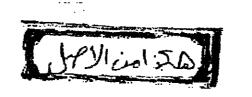
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